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BANKRUPTCY ESTATE BURKHARDT BUCHAN & CO., LTD.

The above Bankruptcy Estate, which had been suspended on May 6, 1935, owing to lack of assets, having recently received a payment to one of its outstanding accounts, Creditors are hereby requested to announce their claims to this Office, until April 15, 1938, in view of an eventual re-opening of the Bankruptcy proceedings.

BANKRUPTCY OFFICE
OF THE SWISS CONSUL-GENERAL
Shanghai, March 25, 1938. 13447

NOTIFICATION
No. 4926

HANDCART, TROLLEY CART AND DELIVERY TRICYCLE OR TRAILER LICENCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that licences for Handcarts, Trolley Carts and Delivery Tricycles or Trailers for the quarter ending June 30, 1938, will be issued at the Vehicle Inspection Office, rear of Gordon Road Police Station, No. 557, Gordon Road, commencing Friday, April 1, 1938.

By Order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, March 24, 1938. 13449

NOTIFICATION
No. 4927

COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL RATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Municipal Rate in respect of Chinese and Foreign houses for the quarter ending June 30, 1938, is due on April 1, 1938. Ratepayers are reminded that rates on foreign style buildings will not be called for by collectors but must be remitted to the Revenue Office, 209 Kiangse Road, by the concerned upon receipt of demand note.

By Order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

Council Chamber,
Shanghai, March 24, 1938. 13450

RATEPAYERS' MEETING

The following is published by authority of the Treaty Power Consuls.

The Foreign Treaty Consuls, in pursuance of the provisions of Article IX of the Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, hereby give notice that a Public Meeting of Ratepayers will be held in the Grand Theatre, No. 216 Bubbling Well Road, on Wednesday, April 13, 1938, commencing at 2.30 p.m., to devise ways and means of raising the requisite funds for Municipal purposes, to pass resolutions in reference thereto and to deliberate and decide upon other Municipal matters and business. At such meeting the accounts of the Council for the year ended December 31, 1937, will be submitted for the sanction and approval of the Ratepayers.

N. AALL,
Consul-General for Norway and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, March 24, 1938. 13448

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-second Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Canton Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, April 21, 1938, at 11.45 a.m., to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ended February 28, 1938, to declare a Dividend, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors and to transact other ordinary business.

Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 16 to April 21, 1938, both days inclusive.

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Shanghai, March 24, 1938. 13460

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By Order of the Committee
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25 For. Y. St. Nicholas Male Church Choir, 8.30
25 Shai. Badminton Assn. Champ. Finals, C.S.F., 5.30
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Coming Events

MARCH

27 "Purim Entertainment," Jew. School Auditorium, 5.30
27 S.M. Orchestra Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
29 For. Y. lect. Dr. Bernard E. Read, 8.30
29 Bus. Girls' dinner, Homeside Tif. Cl. 6
29 "The Beggar's Opera," Lyceum 8.45
30 "The Beggar's Opera," Lyceum 8.45
30 K.D.S. ann. mtg. 9 Crescent Av., 4.30
31 Y.W.C.A. Member, Musical, Tea 4.30
31 For. Y. debate "Municipal Orchestra" 8.30
31 "The Beggar's Opera," Lyceum 8.45
31 Shai Paper Importers' Assn. Ann. Gen. Mtg., Cercle Sportif Français, 6
31 B.U.S.C. mtg., lect., Park Hotel, 5.45

APRIL

1 Le Ballet Russe will present "La Boutique Fantasque," music by Rossini and "Prince Igor," music by Borodine, Lyceum Theatre, 8.45
1 Shai. Reel Club Dance, Masonic Hall, Avenue Road, 8.30
1 Cath. Sch. Old Boys' ann. dinner, 8.30
2 Nordisk Fest, Cercle Sportif Francais, 8
Det Danske Samfund
Det Norske Samfund
Svenska Föreningen
Finska Föreningen
2 Le Ballet Russe, Lyceum Theatre, 8.45
2 Ox. & Cam. Soc. Dinner, Cathay Mansions, 8
3 Le Ballet Russe, Lyceum Theatre, 8.45
3 S.F.A. v. Islington Corinthians, Canidrome, 3
4 Engineering Society mtg., 5.45 p.m.
5 A.W.C. Fashion Show, 4.45, Tea, 4
7 Scan. W. Assn. Tiffin, C.S.F., 1
7 Shai. Opera, "The Desert Song," 8.30
8 Ann. Mtg. of Shai. Auxiliary of British & Foreign & Amer. Bible Socs. Tea, 5, Mtg. 5.45
9 "A" Co. SVC Mih Ho Loong Rifles Annual Dance, Masonic Hall, 9.30
9 Shai. Opera, "The Desert Song," 8.30
10 Shai. Opera, "The Desert Song," 8.30
20 A.D.C., French Without Tears, Lyc, 9
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Western District

A Case for Quick Action

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Your article of March 21 on the Western district Outside Roads is timely. No sooner has it emerged but slightly frayed from the ordeal of war over its terrain, than it has to face another and more insidious danger. The Eastern district was a fairly pleasant residential area until factories ousted the amenities. Will history repeat itself with the Western areas? It is not too late to clap down an absolute interdict against such a catastrophe, for the ruin of the only area still left for residential purposes would be nothing less than that.

The area referred to is that around the Yu Yuen, Great Western, and West Hungjao Roads, and the vicinity, broadly speaking, that tract West of the Settlements and East of the railway. Dumped coffins have been dealt with by burning; dumped factories cannot have similar treatment, but prevention is better than cure.

The unchecked incubus of mills, factories, and manufacturing dumps, together with their corollary of slums and beggar-huts, and all that go with them, is something fearful to contemplate. It is incredible that a handful of avaricious persons would dare to impose such a calamity on a long-suffering public—the checkmate is so simple. I think I am right in stating that all factories erected or to be erected are without building permits, in contravention of law and bye-laws, zoning and others.

A cursory inspection discloses a Chemical Works on the Great Western Road, another in the Columbia Circle, a cannery on Hungjao Road, and a Brewery and two Dairies on Great Western Road. Others in the Brenan and Yu Yuen Road areas are less objectionable. They must have been erected before the zoning laws came into force.

A soap factory, and a storage for cadavers, are under construction in Edinburgh Road, close to Avenue Haig.

A paper mill is planned for Tunsin Road; a tannery and numerous other industrial plants are scheduled for the Columbia Circle vicinity.

All within the defence areas of the European and American forces. As already pointed out by others, these districts are quite unsuitable for factories; they are picked out for desecration only because they are under foreign protection and served by Municipal roads, utilities and amenities. Withdraw these privileges and protection, and the nightmare will emulate the well-known Arab and his tent and silently steal away—and so will those beggar-huts and other abominations.

Sight must not be lost of the fact that these and other districts, such as the Civic Centre, have been clearly defined as residential zones, and no building permits in contravention had been granted subsequent to the promulgation of this law.

Therefore the infraction of such law *is ipso facto* an offence against the State, and to allow such unauthorized factory structures to exist by according them the use of our roads and utilities would amount to aiding and abetting. This is not a strange or a long view, but a method of approach. Where there's a will, there's a way.

Let our city elders put their heads together, and broadcast the fact that the ratepayers are entitled to their health, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, that the Council by itself, or in conjunction with the military command, is empowered to deal with all contraventions of public policy and weal as it may think fit, especially in terms of the due application of laws the enforcing officers of which are temporarily away from the scene. When they return, they may deal with these factories in the coffin-dump manner. But, will they return? Will they so act?

Prevention is better than cure.

FRERE.

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

Peanuts

Are They Indigestible ?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Allow me to approach you on a problem that is causing me intense mental worry, as no doubt it does to many of my fellow beings.

Are peanuts (otherwise known as monkey-nuts, plain nuts and China's Sorrow) harmful or beneficial to the digestion?

This question is put in no spirit of flippancy but with the fervent hope that it be answered either by you or by some kind reader. If it isn't, a most horrible tragedy may result. The fact is, I am an inveterate addict of that vegetable (peanuts are said to come of the bean family), often consuming three or four basins-full at a sitting. Of late I have been affected by queer pains in the equatorial regions of my anatomy, and am wondering whether it is a case of cause and effect. Life without peanuts would lose much of its pleasure, but is, on the whole, preferable to peanuts without life.

I would deeply appreciate any information that could be had on this score.

IGNORANCE WITHOUT BLISS.

Shanghai, Mar. 22.

Our Signboards

A Repulsive Example

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I through the courtesy of your columns call the attention of the proper authorities to the fantastic hoarding just completed opposite the Race Course on Bubbling Well Road, near the Loongfei Gate?

Is it really necessary to show the Chinese "Dracula" in all its hideousness in a main thoroughfare in this already over-congested city of ours? Under present conditions there is little enough open space in town, and Shanghai's younger population—those that cannot afford gardens—must make the most of the roads to have a breath of air, and I am certain that no parent would relish the idea of his child suddenly being faced with a lifeless figure with green glassy eyes and claw-like fingers dangling out of over-large sleeves, swaying with the wind. A more repulsive sight I have not seen!

If the writer remembers correctly, it was only a year ago that a young child confronting a similarly frightful advertisement around the same spot, suddenly took sick and died within three days. To the ordinary Shanghai resident life is unpleasant enough these days, and I send in this letter with the hope that residents using that thoroughfare may be spared the sight of the advertisement which certainly does not give the writer any pleasure.

A. L.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

Iranian New Year

A Little More Light Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In his letter published last Monday in the "N.-C.D.N." Mr. H. TOUTY referred to the Vernal Equinox as the Iranian New Year's Day.

In view of Persia having only recently been renamed Iran, and as 95 per cent. or so of the inhabitants thereof profess the Mohammedan faith, it will be interesting to know to what faction your correspondent alludes, to the Mohammedan section of Iran's population or to the real Iranians, who hardly form 5 per cent. of the total.

The latter having retained their ancient tradition and mode of worship, viz., Zoroastrian, one may reasonably suppose that they cling to the Vernal Equinox as their New Year's Day, but as for the Mohammedans, who are followers of the Arabian prophet, it is inevitable that they should observe the Arab traditional calendar which consists of a 36 year cycle, by which its New Year at one time may be in the summer and at another in the winter, as they advance their calendar by one month every three years, thus commencing a new cycle every 36 years. Perhaps Mr. TOUTY would be good enough to give us a little further light on this subject.

INQUIRER.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

"Snow White"

American School Girls' Effort

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—We, five American school girls, had a play which we produced for the benefit of the refugees, especially the refugee children. Mrs. W. Belknap very kindly allowed us to use her home for the show. Our play was "Snow-White and the Dwarfs."

It was not exactly like Mr. Disney's but, through the generosity of our friends, we collected $14, which we would like to donate to the International Red Cross.

ALICE BELKNAP
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Shanghai, Mar. 24.

***The donation has been forwarded, as requested, to the International Red Cross.

Agony Column

The Habits of Girl Friends

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I am an avid reader of your agony columns and sometimes strike a snag. Why should an intelligent lady, born in Pomerania, and a good housekeeper, want to meet a young man with a view to friendship? To the best of my observation Shanghai girl friends do not keep house for their beaux.

I am aware that in the Spring a young lady's fancy turns to thoughts of housekeeping, but why should she want to involve a young man?

J. C.

Shanghai, Mar. 24.

The Public Library

Great Need for Improvements

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Now that Shanghai is assuming a more peaceful aspect, may I draw attention to the Municipal Public Library. It is an excellent institution, or rather would be, if it were only housed in more suitable premises. For the modest sum of $10 per annum I can, with a little patience, read all the latest fiction and non-fiction in my own home. I could also read all the current local newspapers and many periodicals, especially excellent reviews from England and America, if I had the fortitude to suffer the intolerable conditions of lighting, ventilation, and noise which prevail in the present library premises, especially in the winter months. Alas! after half-an-hour of dipping into what I should like to browse over, I flee, lest worse befall me than a dose of catarrh.

It is an excellent thing that a free reading-room should be provided for those who cannot afford to be subscribers, but surely the subscribers are entitled to clean air, good lighting conditions and quiet, in order that they may enjoy the full benefits of the library. These are impossible in the present premises.

I believe the lease expires shortly. May we hope that it will be allowed to expire without any regrets, and that the library will start a new life in more commodious and more suitable premises?

Never have good library conditions been more necessary than at the present time, when we are more or less confined to the Settlement and conditions in schools and colleges are far from normal.

There is more need than ever for the Reference Library, but how can any student make full use of it under present conditions?

I am quite sure that more suitable premises can easily be found now, and if the Council takes this step it will earn the gratitude of hundreds of people to whom the library is a very real and necessary part of their life here.

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Shanghai, Mar. 23.

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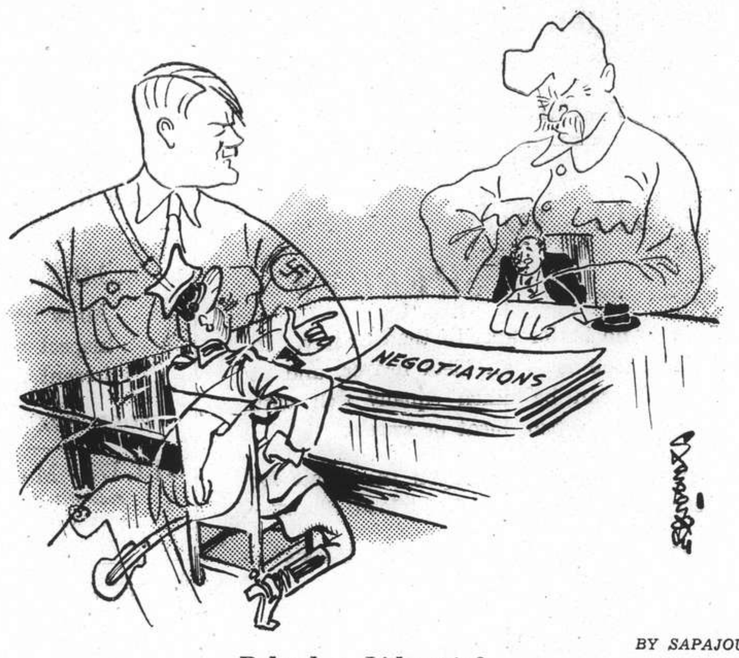

BY SAPAJOU

Poland *v.* Lithuania?

Darling Princess Turns To Blackmailing

Beautiful Hungarian Given Nine Months' Term

When she leaves gaol after serving a sentence of nine months' imprisonment, passed on her at the Old Bailey, a beautiful Hungarian woman, who is the granddaughter of a count and former wife of a wealthy business man, will be faced with deportation.

She is undergoing punishment for blackmailing "Mr. A.," a married Englishman, who was stated to be living on a pension, and the owner of a yacht, states the "News of the World."

During the trial, 99 letters and a number of photographs and negatives were produced in court. These were ordered to be destroyed.

In one of these letters "Mr. A." described the sentenced woman.

Ilena Bernhard, 37, of Budapest, who latterly lived in Robert Adam-street, London, as "My darling Princess."

"Mr. A." who was well dressed, and spoke in a cultured voice when he gave evidence, was not present at the Old Bailey during the final scenes of the drama.

The jury's verdict was conveyed to Mme. Bernhard through an interpreter, and she declared: I swear by the memory of my father that I did not say anything that was not true.

Then the sentence passed by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Hewart, was translated to her.

Mme. Bernhard's strength gave way. She dropped to the floor of the dock. She was lifted by prison officers, and as she was carried to the cells below her cries of distress could be heard.

The charge on which Mme. Bernhard was found guilty was one of demanding £160 with menaces from "Mr. A." who has a family of two grown-up children.

The pair first met, according to the prosecution, in an Italian express train last May, and in the course of their association they went about together and stayed at hotels. They were photographed together.

"Mr. A." wrote passionate letters to Mme. Bernhard.

Eventually she told him she had lost her money, and "Mr. A." agreed to allow her £20 a month for a year, and sent her £80.

"Mr. A." returned to England, and, although he wanted to break off the association, he continued to write to Mme. Bernhard.

Outside a Bank

On January 22 "Mr. A." was surprised to find Mme. Bernhard outside a bank in the West-end, and it was then that she threatened that unless he paid her £160 she would send "Mr. A.'s" letters and photographs to his wife.

Mr. John Phipps, defending, pointed out that when "Mr. A." started to cool off last autumn he did not say so directly to Mme. Bernhard.

Instead, he continued to write protestations of love, and as late as January 9 he wrote:—My dear Princess—I kiss you again in imagination, and hope soon to kiss you in reality.

In his summing-up, Lord Hewart referred to "Mr. A.'s" letters as appalling and said it was a degradation of the word to call them love letters.

Lord Hewart dealt with an appeal for sympathy for Mme. Bernhard, and went on to say: Let it be granted that the prosecutor behaved disgracefully and with treachery towards his wife and children.

How friendly he was with the accused we have not been told.

"He says he did not become what is politely called 'her lover.'

"She says she did, in fact, become his mistress."

"Dying Wife" Talk

Continuing his summing-up, Lord Hewart said it was common ground that Mme. Bernhard knew "Mr. A." was a married man.

Whatever you may think of the prosecutor, Lord Hewart told the jury, what was this on her part but a commercial transaction of the lowest possible kind

You may think to talk about sympathy is almost an affront to the English language.

You know one of the ingredients in this disreputable association was that they had actually talked of his wife dying, whereupon this woman was to take her place.

Anything more disgusting, it is difficult to imagine.

This man sat down with his paramour to discuss seriously what would happen in the event of his wife dying, and there was a time when she looked forward to that possibility.

That was the state of affairs to which this disgraceful prosecution had to put an end.

After the jury had brought in their verdict of guilty, Det.-insp. Lander stated Mme. Bernhard was divorced, and only came to England on January 19.

He explained that she brought over 66 letters, and a further 33 letters had been produced by the defence in addition to photographs and negatives.

Mr. Phipps explained that these had been in the possession of Mme. Bernhard's mother in Budapest, and they had been sent to this country.

Wholly False Notion

Then Lord Hewart turned to Mme. Bernhard, and in passing sentence on the trembling woman said, you have been found guilty on the clearest possible evidence of the grave offence of demanding money with menaces.

I am not in the least tempted to regard you as a suffering innocent person. In point of morals I doubt if there is anything to choose between you and the prosecutor.

You have shown a remarkable aptitude for this crime, especially when I remember what you said about the photographs.

You seem to have entertained the wholly false notion that you could give yourself a lawful right by persuading yourself you had one.

The least sentence I can pass upon you is to be imprisoned for nine months and recommended for deportation.

That was the final curtain to the Continental romance of "Mr. A."

Woman Called a Very Bad Witness

Loses Claim for Damages in a Tapestry Deal

Mrs. Violet Van der Elst lost the King's Bench Division action in which she claimed damages for alleged conspiracy to defraud her when she purchased some tapestries for £2,000, states the "Daily Herald."

Mr. Justice Charles, who heard the case, said Mrs. Van der Elst was a very bad witness.

The case, he said, was extremely difficult to decide because the serious allegations made had been the subject of a lot of wavering evidence by Mrs. Van der Elst and her private secretary, Mr. Anthony James Winston.

It seems almost incredible, said the judge, that people, in a serious case of this sort, should give evidence in such a way as to convey so little conviction to the hearer.

The defendants, for whom judgment was entered, with costs, were Mr. Mark Morris, of Heddon-street, W., and Mr. A. Tossounian, of Clarence-road, S.W. Mrs. Van der Elst alleged that, by reason of misrepresentation on their part, she had paid £1,060 too much for the tapestries.

Real Price £1,000

Mrs. Van der Elst's case was that the defendants represented to her that a Mr. Thomas Daniel Williams, on behalf of the owner of the tapestries, required £2,000 as his rock-bottom price for the tapestries, whereas his price really was £1,000, as the defendants knew.

She parted with an additional £60 which, she maintained, was paid after the defendants had said they were getting nothing out of the £2,000.

When Mrs. Van der Elst was cross-examined, she was asked: Are you in the habit of making wild charges against respectable people?—"No," she replied.

Mrs. Van der Elst agreed that judgment was uttered against her in a High Court dispute over a picture. The judge was a little prejudiced, she observed.

Mr. Justice Charles: I don't know what you will say about me if I give judgment against you.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Charles said he was not at all satisfied that the tapestries were not worth £2,000, or that Mrs. Van der Elst had a bad bargain. It was a great pity the defendants had not given evidence. They could have cleared up many points to his satisfaction.

Ten Businesses

I might draw very sinister conclusions from that if I liked, he said, but I don't think it would be just to do so in this case.

Mrs. Van der Elst had told him she ran ten businesses, and called attention to the brilliance of her own intellect and to her intelligence, but he could not rely on her recollection regarding the matters in issue.

He must say the same about Mr. Winston, whose attitude in the box was, quite unconsciously, continuously misleading.

Hungary Seeks German Friendship To-Day

Austrian Coup Destroys Rome Protocol Basis

Budapest, Mar. 23.

The Reich's annexation of Austria justified Hungary's foreign policy of seeking a rapprochement with Germany, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koloman de Kanya, stated before the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Chamber to-day.

"Nothing separates Hungary from the Reich in fundamental matters," he said, "and Germany left no doubt that she intends to respect the Hungarian frontier in the same manner as she will respect the Italian, Yugoslavian, and Swiss frontiers.

"The Italo-Austro-Hungarian bloc has ceased to exist but the friendly relations between Hungary and Italy remain unchanged in the spirit of the Rome Protocols."

He stressed the Government's intention of pursuing their efforts to improve relations with the Little Entente.—Havas.

Tank Beats Maginot Line

Fantastic stories are circulating in Belgium that the German deserter who crossed the frontier to France in a tank did so to test the French Maginot line, states the "Daily Sketch."

It is alleged that the "desertion" was a ruse by the German High Command to test a theory—and the theory is said to be that France's £80,000,000 "impregnable" steel and concrete Maginot line of concealed forts is not impregnable to a surprise attack.

Silence in the French Press followed the young officer's escapade. His car was seized. He was arrested.

The Belgian General Staff is inclined to think that the "desertion" was arranged also to intimidate the French.

Reasons for this view are:—A German soldier could not have stolen a tank, either from barracks or while drilling, without giving the alarm.

The tank was driven for about 50 miles in Germany, and 12 miles in France. It needed about 30 gallons of petrol, which the driver could not have obtained without accomplices.

The system of French watchers installed along the frontier did not work. The driver had gone through several secret passages between barbed wire and steel railings.

That is why the French and Belgian general staffs are said to be deeply concerned about the piercing of the Maginot line.

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF MARCH 25, 1878

The heat yesterday and Sunday was almost a foretaste of summer, and many sun-hats were given an airing. As usual, most people forgot last year's experience, and remarked that it was unusually warm, that it portended an exceptionally hot summer. As a matter of fact, we usually get a few hot days about this time, and then the temperature falls back to a cooler range. Last year the maximum was reached on March 20, when the thermometer rose to 76, falling three days afterwards to 50. This year the burst has happened four days later. Yesterday, the discomfort was intensified during the afternoon by one of the thickest dust storms we remember to have seen in Shanghai.

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A further remittance from London of Tls. 5,000 has been received for the Famine Relief Fund. This Tls. 5,000 is at present the Treasurer's balance; all previous collections having been forwarded to Peking and Tientsin. As will be seen the total subscription has now reached Tls. 50,866.

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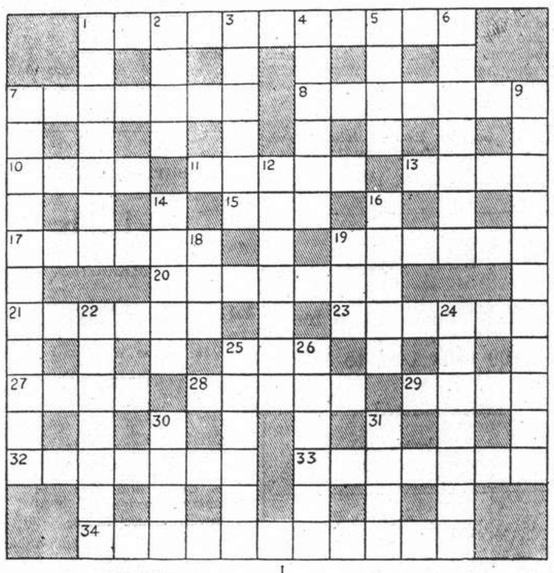

ACROSS

1 Few women, they say, are good at this branch of knowledge but numbers cannot be divorced from it
7 Disease of which the end is past
8 Fabulous monster
10 Add in this valley to make happy
11 Not a pleasing name for a girl
13 This little drink is probably larger than it sounds
15 State
17 This canine is certainly not a Great Dane (two words)
19 Musical composer
20 Not an Indian cook; hides are more in his line
21 Use
23 Kind of rifle
25 The traffic variety of this is not sweet anyhow
27 Much the same as 10 across but further south
28 Common place
29 Not an artists' masterpiece certainly
32 "Die calm" (anag.)
33 The tastes of many royalties
34 No, this maid of old was not necessarily a bore

DOWN

1 Ridiculous acting perhaps
2 A hard wood
3 Book of the O.T.
4 This ship might have belonged to the Merchant of Venice
5 Flower
6 Vegetable colouring matter
7 Epithet for a raving blonde
9 These groups of wanderers are obviously sane (two words)
12 A crocodile or an alligator perhaps
14 Beverage
16 A mason of the insect world
18 Can this man be handsome?
19 Precious stone
22 One of the weasel family, not necessarily from central Europe
24 River of Ireland
25 A sweet-scented flower
26 A great many permit this flower
30 The deserts of the brave
31 "Is Kim the most often read of his Kipling volumes?" (hidden)

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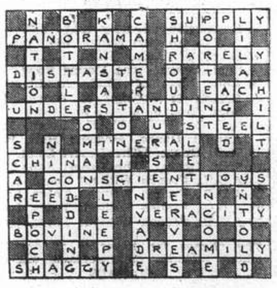

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WOMAN'S PAGE

A London Letter

By PHILINE

London.

How many are the Queen's interests and what a lively curiosity is hers about a number of things. It was perhaps this about Her Majesty which most impressed those who toured with her the British Industries Fair at Olympia and Earl's Court this week. Women, in particular, will want to know what the Queen thought about various exhibits. If they cannot visit the Fair themselves, they can learn a good deal about it from her comments on this and that article. For her taste and judgment can be trusted.

Women all over the Empire would have shown the interest which the Queen showed in the advance made during the past year by British trade. They would have offered sympathy, as she did, on hearing that some branches of it were in a bad way. For instance, at the stand of a Belfast firm specializing in linen and damask, the Queen was told that the damask trade had recently been passing through difficult times owing to the fashion for using mats instead of table cloths. Her sympathy, here, was expressed in a practical fashion. "Please send a damask table cloth to the Palace," she said at once.

At the East Africa stall the Queen spoke to Major C. H. Dale who asked if she still used Kenya coffee at the Palace. Again her response was very much to the point. "Oh, yes, we do," she said, "because we like it very much." At another stand, she was told that some eye-veils displayed had formerly been a French monopoly, but were now manufactured at Nottingham. "I am very glad to hear of this initiative" was her apt compliment.

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Queen Bargain-Hunting

The Queen proved herself to be what many of us would like to be, an expert bargain-hunter when she found and purchased dress material cheaply at 1s. a yard. Her typically motherly comment on spying the bargain was "So nice for the children." The material was a pretty flowered cotton which looks like silk and washes like a rag.

It was the design and the soft pink, blue, yellow and green shades of the material which first caught her eye, and when, on looking closer, she found that she could not detect the slightest difference in the cotton before and after washing, she promptly ordered a supply. For her own wear, she bought another bargain, a pale blue cotton linette at 1s. 0½d a yard.

During the fashion parade which the Queen attended at the Fair the are lights and cameras were frequently upon her, but she seemed quite unworried. The happiest people were the mannequins, who at first had been "scared to death," as one of them said, "but the Queen's interest and smiles soon put us at ease."

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A Fashion Theatre

The fashions displayed at the Empire Exhibition in Glasgow next May will be as perfect as a lovely setting demands. This setting is to be a Fashion Theatre, circular like the old Greek theatres, designed by Margaret Brodie, A.R.I.B.A. But, unlike Greek theatres, the Glasgow one will be roofed and possessed of all the lighting effects and seating comforts which modern architects and electricians can provide.

This all-sporting-occasions cotton tweed suit will fill the bill for deck wear. Throw on the coat after an over-heating game and you will guard against chills.

The colour scheme is to be Wedgwood blue and soft grey, and the floor of the stage will be covered with the same old-gold carpet as that used for the theatre in Westminster Abbey at the Coronation last May. A circular colonnade has also been planned around the outer walls, and in this are to be show-cases for the display of "A Century of Fashion." These dresses are historical costumes, dating from 1837 to the present day.

Since British women are said to look best in clothes which are meant for use as well as beauty, "wearableness" is to be an important factor in the choice of exhibits for the Fashion Theatre. It has not yet been decided which dressmakers will show their models, but, as the organizers tell us, "the principle is that only the best designers will exhibit and only the best British materials will be used."

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Nursery Counterpanes

Very up-to-date are nursery counterpanes made of coarse coloured canvas, with several thick woolly animals worked into the two long sides as a border. Head and foot of the coverlet are left unadorned, but where the sides hang down over the edge of the bed, Teddy Bears and bunnies, the cat and her kittens and the dog and pups are represented by means of tufted woolwork, like the stitches done in rug-making.

Little skill is required for the making of those coverlets, since the outlines of the animals can be drawn on the canvas in pencil, but the whole of the outline must be solidly filled in to give a realistic touch. The animals, too, should be life-size. Now for a colour scheme. Brown bunnies on a rose coloured canvas, or snow-white puss and kittens worked on saxe, or sapphire blue canvas, or fluffy black bears on a lemon ground are all effective.

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New Suede Handbags

What kind of handbag will you carry this spring? This will be a difficult question to answer if you have seen some of the many suggestions which Paris and London make. At the British Industries Fair the Queen examined some of the new suede, top opening handbags in pastel colourings and ordered three in pale green, blue and beige. Queen Mary was interested in the new suede, which is being used for this purpose and is specially treated to make the dye fast.

Paris bag designers are evidently prepared for women to carry all their possessions about with them and the latest novelty is a combination of two bags, one large and comfortably fitted to hold papers, cigarettes, etc., etc., while the smaller one holds one's money and is fastened on the opposite end of the handle. Two circular bags of brown leather joined with a heavy leather chain which allows them to be carried over the arm, or square knapsack bags are shown in pairs.

Flat antelope bags are made with outside pockets lined in a contrasting colour and some of them have broad handles of soft leather which look like ribbons over the arm. Other new bags are made to represent big rosettes and are carried on the arm like shields. Novelty bags for the height of the summer include pochettes of straw lined with coloured piqué, and for real beach use there are miniature saddle-bags to sling over the arm, made of linen or piqué with commodious and bead-embroidered pockets.

Household Hints

Always hang frocks for about an hour after ironing, before packing. Otherwise they will be badly creased.

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To cement a small crack in a china dish, boil for about 30 minutes in enough sweet milk to cover the dish. This will cement the crack and make it almost invisible.

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Grease the measuring cup before measuring syrup, and the ingredient will not stick to the cup.

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When you cannot afford felt, use corrugated paper on the treads under the stair carpet. It can be put on the stairs in three layers.

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To make mint flavouring more pronounced when cooking, add the herb only five minutes before peas, soups, etc., have finished cooking.

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If stored jam has become sugary, place it in a warm oven.

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A savoury stew can be thickened with rolled oats instead of with flour.

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When making pancakes, add half a cup of water to the milk. They will be much lighter and nicer than if all milk is used.

Paris Considers Shoes

New Ideas are in the Wind

Parisian shoe-designers have been having an awful time persuading women to adopt high heels again, says a correspondent to the "New Yorker." Pérugia undertook to make the transition easy by turning out thick-soled shoes, an idea which was helped by the popularity Venetian cork sandals have had at the Lido during the past few seasons. For rainy days, when thick soles are obviously most practical, he offers an oxford of black kid whose two-inch sole is covered with kid. On evening shoes, the sole slopes inward toward the bottom and one is hardly conscious of its thickness. The wearer almost seems to be treading on air. Other evening slippers, elevated on a very light openwork sole, resemble Japanese shoes.

NEWEST EVENING COIFFURE

The present mode of flat hats does not allow of curls on top of the heads during the day, and so Raymond, the London Court hairdresser, has introduced a nice little bunch of curls which can be used when needed for the evening. It is kept in position by two pins and takes just a few moments to fix. Notice the upward trend of the hair lines. "Softening" curls are no more. The neat head of their beautiful Duchess of Kent is now the ideal of London's *élégantes*.

One of the many women who loathe flat sandals, but agree with Alix that sandals should be worn with her Greek-draped jersey evening dresses, had Georgette make a slipper of red satin, trimmed with silver kid and having a two-inch sole covered with the kid. Such shoes have to be carefully designed and well proportioned, and only small women care for them, so it seems fairly impossible for thick soles to become a popular fashion. However, you never can tell.

Normal shoes have slightly higher heels than last season, and low heels appear only for sports wear. There are fewer open-strap sandals. They have been replaced by shoes that encase the foot and come fairly high, but are perforated or cut-out to be light and cool. Pérugia plans to make an evening slipper consisting only of a sole on which ribbons are laced in the manner of a Greek sandal. The ribbons can be changed to match different evening dresses.

An enormous amount of kid is used by the leading *bottiers*, probably because it can now be had in unusual shades, Pérugia likes either a pale, natural beige worn with stockings that match exactly, or vivid, splashy colours—purplish blue, brilliant deep red, scarlet, emerald, and canary yellow.

Lingerie and the New Line

Favourite Styles and Colours; Daytime Underwear is Simple

A question which is being much discussed at the moment, just as the Paris dressmakers are showing their new models, is whether the waistline is to be higher or whether it is to be lower. The answer appears to be that there will be a longer, slimmer waist "area," but that the actual line will remain in its natural place, marked only by a few pleats or a suggestion of drapery.

Day and evening dresses will be moulded close to the figure from the bust to low on the hips. Drapery above the bust line and the new short boleros will, however, give the effect of a higher waist, and the appearance of a dropped line will be obtained by joining a pleated or full skirt to the bodice at a line low over the hips.

Youthful Line

But in either case perfectly fitting undergarments are essential. Leading corsetieres have given careful study to the problem, and various types of foundation garments have been designed to give the high bust, the long waistline, and the slim hips which are characteristic of the youthful line of 1938.

Only the lightest and most supple materials are used and the desired effect, even for heavy and difficult figures, is achieved by the clever manipulation of the fabric and elastic, with only slight boning. For the slim figure of perfect proportions elastic net and lace are combined with taffetas and batiste, and these same materials are used for more youthful sets of separate brassière and girdle. Zippers fasten practically every type of garment, and peach is the most popular colour. Other pastel shades are seen and a little black.

Tailored Styles

Daytime lingerie is simple this season, but it is cut and fitted with as much care as the gown under which it is worn. Plain tailored styles with an embroidered monogram only as trimming are the most practical, in heavy crêpe de Chine or a dull crêpe romaine. In order to avoid wrinkling of the material round the waist-line slips and chemises are cut on the bias, darted, and fitted on to brassière tops of self material.

Slip sets have been popular during the last seasons and will remain in favour for wearing under summer frocks of printed silks and sheer materials. But if short skirts with slit hems become a leading fashion in suits and tailored dresses they will be replaced by chemise sets, although slips may be made to conform to the new silhouette.

Dyed Lace

For the softer type of lingerie and for the evening lace trimming is always good, and charming effects are obtained by dyeing the lace exactly to match the material. Satin, triple ninon, and a rather crêpey chiffon in icy tints of blue and pale pink, and in the dusty shades of blue and rose, are trimmed with matching laces of the Chantilly type. Heavier ivory and écru laces are used to trim white and off-white materials, and écru looks well on the new light champagne satin. Both écru and black are used on sheer black.

Frilly Jackets

In contrast to the general tailored style of daytime lingerie nightgowns are "dressed-up" and trimmed. They may be cut on Empire lines with tie belts, on the bias with fitted brassière tops and narrow shoulder straps, and trimmed with elaborate lace insets, threaded ribbons, and frills of self material. Simple gowns of ninon and satin with high-waisted effect have tiny boleros and short jackets gauged all over or made entirely of tiny frills. One in rose-pink chiffon has satin ribbon shoulder straps and a short jacket made of rows of frills in pink net, ribbon edged.

Heavy chiffon and triple ninon are the most popular materials and the fashion is for bright and unusual colours, sapphire blue, deep ochre, and cyclamen pink, as well as dusty pastels and peach. These materials are also attractive in prints of tiny bright floral designs, of narrow stripes and spots in soft pastel colourings. Dyed lace is also used on nightgowns for insets, for yokes, and for a covered shoulder treatment.

Flowered Designs

A gown in aquamarine chiffon has a matching lace yoke and puff sleeves. There is a deep V in front which meets the fitted tie-back belt. Another gown in peach satin has a yoke of Alençon lace cut into points extended over the shoulders. A narrow lace is used to edge the hem.

Brave Young Invalids

. . . if Nelson had Waited

We are all clever at inventing excuses for failure in living and for poverty in achievement says a writer in the "Manchester Guardian," Chronic, wilful invalidism used to be a way of escaping our responsibilities. There were the ladies of the sofa, of whom Elizabeth Barrett Browning was a famous instance, if also a brand plucked from the burning. But may it not be that making beauty and fitness our first aim in life is only another excuse for not living fully?

The other day a young artist who had egregiously failed in the energy necessary to his calling explained solemnly to me that he would be able to work really hard once he had made himself perfectly fit. He had a romantic notion that once he started waking every morning full of vital energy, and once he could achieve never feeling out of sorts (which he said he often did), masterpieces would flow from him without let or hindrance. Solemnly he was investigating the merits of psychoanalysis, of new systems of diet, of physical and breathing exercises, the while the practice of his art was laid aside.

I could not help thinking that if Nelson had waited till he found a cure for his constitutional sea-sickness we should never have had the victory of Trafalgar, and I found myself betting on long odds that Bruce suffered from rheumatism and Wallace from attacks of indigestion. It is good that the race should grow ever stronger and healthier. But was it the strongest and the healthiest in the past who added most to the sum of human achievement? Looking round to-day, is it not those who have measured and accepted certain defects and weaknesses in themselves who are doing the most useful work? Are such weaknesses perhaps not the best adjuncts of achievement, acting, as they do, as spurs and reminders that life is short and energy challenged at all points?

The bad workman blames his tools. The good one looks his tools over, makes the most of them, and does extraordinary things. Few pieces of craftsmanship are more touching than those model ships, full of detail and intricate work, which prisoners of war carved with a penknife out of the bones left over from their dinners. Here we see the force of patience and concentration pitted successfully against circumstances instead of waiting upon circumstance. Under perfect conditions such ships would never have come into existence. By all means let us be as well as we can. But to believe that mere fitness will solve our problems as responsible beings is surely to deceive ourselves.

It is believed that in the not far distant future moving pictures will have odour. Then we shall have to read lists of the six best smellers.

Curb Service a New Departure

. . . but You Must Learn How to Ask for It

Curb service at the Miami roadside stand was rendered by a young lady who fastened a metal tray to the side of the door of my automobile, says Theodore Pratt in the "New Yorker." The first time I heard her call out "Hug one!" in answer to my order of a glass of orange juice, I knew that here was something for extensive research.

Gladys, the curb girl who served me thus as I sat comfortably in my car, was a buxom citizen of the American highway who made the most out of her blooming form by covering it with black satin slacks and a tight-fitting pink satin blouse. Her ash-blond hair, caressed with at least a five-dollar wave, was worthy of a movie star's, and her makeup fitted well into the same picture.

Seeing that I was new at her game, she took pains to educate me. On my second visit, after I had ordered a glass of draught beer and she had yelled "Make it a creep!" she reminded me that I had been remiss about something on my first visit. "Us curbies," she informed me, "don't get no salary for hanging these trays. We make it on tips."

I took this delicate hint that day, and adopted it also on my next visit, when I ordered a chocolate malted milk and Gladys called to the counter boy, "Choc hi!" That day she taught me more in regard to the etiquette of obtaining curb service. I had been tooting my horn, when I was through with my drink, to indicate to Gladys that she should come and remove the tray.

"Real gentlemen just blink their lights when they're through," she instructed me, "instead of making all that racket. It's more genteel and it ain't so hard on the nerves."

Subsequently I became more genteel about this matter and pretty professional about ordering other things by their right names. I learned that when I wanted a bottle of Coca-Cola, I should tell Gladys, "Pop one," and when I wanted a fountain coke, it was "Shoot one." She was quite pleased when, applying what I had overheard, I told her one day that I wanted a cherry coke by saying, "Paint one." She gave me a smile when I indicated my desire for a chocolate Coco-Cola by telling her to "drag one through Georgia." I didn't, praise God, have to drink these horrors. They were for a small boy I sometimes picked up on the road.

She wasn't, however, at the end of her rope in teaching me her all. One day, when I ordered a glass of milk, Gladys hollered toward the counter, "Sweet Alice!" I then asked her to make it a large glass, and she amended, "Stretch Sweet Alice!"

I didn't, at first, understand her best one, on still another day. This time I wanted a sandwich, not to eat on the spot, but to take along with me. Gladys called out the name of the sandwich in quite normal fashion and then added, "Put on a step-in!" I completely understood this one only when the sandwich arrived, neatly wrapped in a paper napkin.

Pastel Tints are Smart

Black with pastel trimmings is to be smart and makes black suitable for the youngest wearers as well as more becoming to the dark-skinned. The trimmings may be in the form of pale blue linen tabs making a collar and decoration at the wrists of a black dress, or turn-down collar of pastel pink muslin, complete with frilled edging.

A clover-coloured silk scarf at the neck of a navy jacket, and a wide clover ribbon band round a navy-blue hat are attractive notions.

Pale yellow combines with brown in tweedy suits and a brown, yellow, and white check tweed would be hard to better for a light-hearted looking suit that is also hard-wearing and generally useful.

New Trends in New York Rooms

Return of the White Lace Curtain

An intermingling of the old and new, sometimes in striking and exotic combinations, lends an exciting note to the new ideas in interior decoration this year in New York, says Rene Scudamore in the "Observer."

It is often the eighteenth century English theme that gives basic dignity, made modern and fresh by the subtle use of colour, indirect lighting, large mirrored wall spaces, and treatment of windows. Painted Venetian pieces or lacquered and gold furniture of Italian and Chinese origin will be flanked by modern lamps with pleated white shades. Modern glass and chromium cocktail tables, or those fashioned of ancient scagolia tops, on a newly designed base in bronze, pewter, or wood, stand in front of overstuffed sofas. The sofas are on simplified lines, covered in pastel brocatelles, quilted taffetas, or gaily flowered chintzes.

Plaster Busts

Plaster designs on ceiling and walls, sometimes only faintly reminiscent of the Adam period, and plaster busts, vases, or lampstands, give accent to this basic dignity and also help to accent that note of white which continues to be prevalent.

An apartment at 300, Park-avenue, is illustrative of the new idea in decoration. Its wide black and white foyer (with plaster reliefs on cornice, white walls, and many busts) opens into a gaily coloured drawing room with cerise sateen curtains, lined with white; chartreuse rug, and cerise and purple overstuffed chairs and sofas. Modern cocktail and end tables are for utility, while several period pieces, such as old French commodes and cabinets, give balance to what otherwise would be strictly "modern." The soft greys and yellows and the Sheraton furniture of the dining room, give a note of piquant contrast.

Perhaps the most outstanding example of this new trend is Hampshire House, a huge new apartment hotel decorated by Mrs. Draper. Its opulent note in decoration has caused much comment.

Turquoise Blue

Here a great deal of brilliant colour has been used against pastel backgrounds. When one enters, the eye is taken beyond the black, white, and grey of the foyers to the colourful chintzes which upholster the dining room chairs. In the garden dining room the floor is of black and white marble squares, the white wire chairs are upholstered in turquoise-blue velvet.

James Reynolds has painted some of the walls with old landscapes, including reproductions of several old English country houses.

Lace Curtains

In some of the bedrooms classical drapery is used, as in a vivid green taffetas draped over the top of white lace curtains. In some of these, too, wallpapers in broad stripes or in huge floral patterns, designed by Margaret Owen, of England, have been used, and these are particularly effective where four-poster beds have been placed.

Altogether, Hampshire House is a riot of gay colours, a mixture of old and new, to give living accommodation which is comfortable yet brilliantly exciting.

Explosion Blue

In April George Frelinghuysen, jun., who is making quite a name for himself these days, will decorate a series of rooms for the Decorators' Picture Gallery, and he has ideas, such as building a false wall in one room, six inches from the original, and placing his pictures in cut-outs with indirect lighting. He is imbued with colour, and in his own clever living-room, which he has just designed for himself, his "explosion blue" walls, the colour of smoke from a gun, and his white and brown rug, form an interesting background for his colourful pictures of still life his original red-wood screen, white and brown diagonal striped sofa, and old brocaded chairs.

Glass Chandeliers

Old crystal mirrors are used frequently by McMillen, as well as many of the other decorators in New York, and also elaborate old and new Venetian crystal chandeliers. These blend beautifully with the plaster vases and busts so frequently seen, and the mirrors in themselves are exquisite notes. Venetian blinds are seen everywhere, even in the most inexpensive apartments, and tend to lend a note of simplicity to window treatments, as well as the practicality of shutting out prying neighbours.

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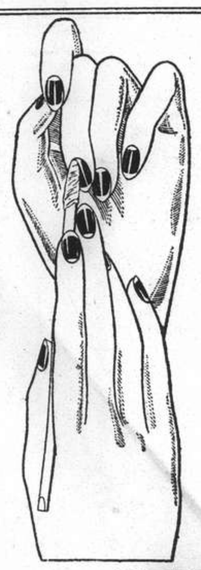
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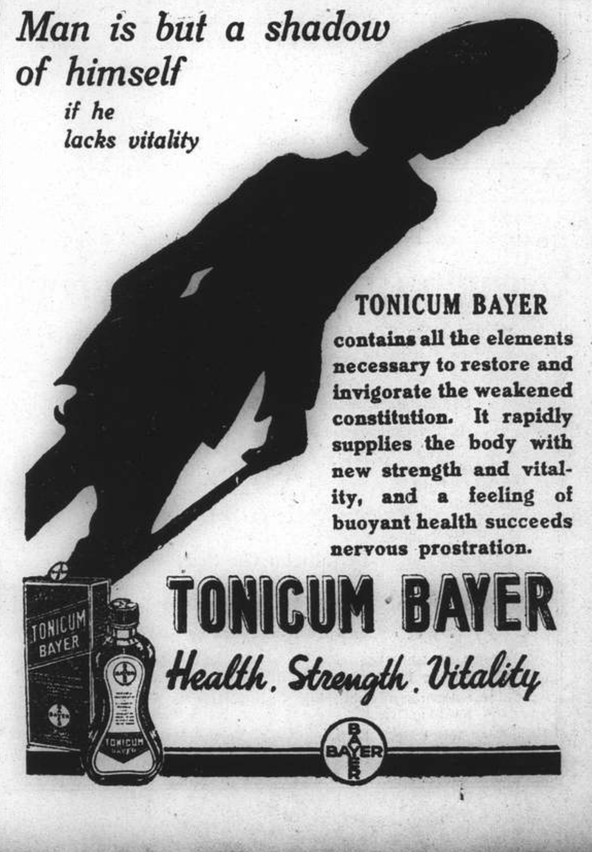
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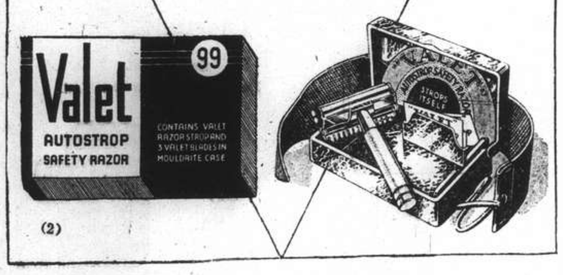

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THE SPANISH DRAMA

The high hopes which were roused in the breasts of the supporters of the Republican government of Spain, following the defeat of General Franco at Teruel in January, have been dashed to the ground by the events of the last week or so. They were considerably diminished by the recapture of Teruel by the insurgents, but the recent rapid advance on Catalonia, and the new developments in Huesca suggest that, at any rate for the moment, General Franco is in a winning vein, and that unless the republicans can make a better showing, than they have been latterly, the end of the struggle in Spain will become a foregone conclusion, and only a matter of time. The renewed rebel activity in Huesca is for the purpose of attracting more government forces from the lower Aragon front and thus assist the insurgents on their drive through Catalonia to the Mediterranean coast. That would mean the splitting of the Government forces into two, and depriving them of the unity of command which they have had up to the present, and cutting Barcelona from Valencia and Madrid, except by the sea route. The subjugation of Catalonia is one of the most important aims of anybody who seeks to dominate the whole of Spain, for the Catalonian separatist movement was the most important of the several which marked the history of Spain prior to the establishment of the Republic. It was the Catalonian nationalist movement which played so considerable a part in the events which led to King Alfonso's downfall, by its demand for the dismemberment of the country. After the revolution, however, and the accession to power of a Socialist Government, the industrial workers of Barcelona—the largest city in Spain—in opposition to the peasants and middle classes of the rest of Catalonia, stood for a unified republic. In the event of General Franco gaining complete control of Spain Catalonia will still desire separation: it only wishes for union in a socialistic Spain. The province is, therefore, the main spring which animates socialistic Spain, and its subjugation would be the most important factor in weakening the rest of the republicans.

General Franco in the last two months has staged a great comeback. From what looked like defeat the prospect has now been transformed into one of a possible victory for him, due undoubtedly to the very large amount of material assistance which has been given him. The sharp savage thrust which he has made down the River Ebro has brought him within easy distance of the coast, and should he succeed in capturing Valderrobres, he will have secured a valuable jumping off place from which to make the final advance which should give him Tortosa, some miles inland from the mouth of the Ebro. The complete cutting off of Barcelona would then, in all probability, be a matter of a comparatively short time. The mobility of the republican armies would be greatly hampered, for it would be no longer possible to move reinforcements from one part of the front to the other with the rapidity which has been possible until now, and Catalonia would have to depend upon her own manpower to resist the attempts at subjugation which General Franco undoubtedly contemplates. The intensive shelling of Madrid, reported on Wednesday, was probably only in the nature of a demonstration for the purpose of dissuading the Government from transferring troops in that sector to north of the Ebro to meet the threat in Huesca and lower Aragon, and even to reinforce the troops struggling to prevent him reaching the sea. That they need reinforcements is clear from the report that despite the fact that the Republicans were able to hold up the insurgent advance on the Ebro last week the latter have succeeded in effecting a crossing and pointing a new spearhead at the southeast Catalonian border. It is expected that General Franco's troops will now endeavour to reach the Saragossa-Lerida road, after which they will make their final thrust to the sea.

The general gravity of the situation may be emphasized by referring to speculation current at the time of General Franco's defeat at Teruel. The fear was expressed in Europe that, as Franco's defeat would be that of Signor Mussolini, the latter, if matters went too far, might have been desperate enough to blockade Spanish ports and land an Italian expeditionary force between Valencia and Barcelona, which under the cover of naval guns would end the war in favour of the insurgents, if Western Europe were to remain inactive. It was believed to be very doubtful whether it would do so. The Italian journal "Tevere" seems to think that France, in the event of the republican defeat becoming more imminent, would embark upon a similar policy, and has delivered itself of a stern warning that should France do such a thing a terrible catastrophe would arise. It is not to be believed for one moment that France would be so reckless as to do so for it would undoubtedly bring about a European war. That she desires no more than any other country. All she can safely do is to give just the same amount of assistance as is being given to the insurgents by both Germany and Italy under the policy of non-intervention which, after all, is no more than limited intervention. The establishment of a Fascist state on France's south-eastern border would undoubtedly be unpalatable, but it is obvious that should this occur—and it must be very frankly said that it looks probable—the only possible policy to follow will be to bow to the inevitable, at least for the time being, and wait until matters eventually adjust themselves as it is hoped they will. Such a development would be equally distasteful to Great Britain but the only practical thing to do is to view the situation in all its reality and understand that the time has not yet come when it will be possible to make those adjustments which will again restore the old security. The long view has to be taken in matters such as this, and so long as it is understood that temporary developments need not necessarily be final settlements it will be possible to watch history in the making with some placidity.

Not So Far Behind

It is easy to see, with deference to the Siccawei Fathers, that Spring is not very far behind. As soon as the flower sellers outside the Shanghai Club changed from narcissi to violets and used their fragrance to lull people into a reckless anticipation of sunnier days, the heavens poured down torrents for two days and played havoc with the new spring creations which the temerarious dared wear. Then followed a cold spell bringing out woollen mufflers for a day and the overture to the most beautiful of Shanghai seasons was complete, even to an isolated roll of thunder which provided the *finale*. This tiny little world of ours continues its annual tour through the universe and its inhabitants have created things which in other ages would have been considered miracles, but in sympathy with Mark Twain, nothing seems to be done about the weather. All sorts of plans and claims have been made to control or exploit the weather by people who can do such things as isolating electrons and splitting atoms, but the weather is a problem. It always seems to rain when people want fine weather and there is absolutely no reliability about it. Perhaps in the heart of the Sahara Desert or at the North Pole there is some sort of regulated consistency, but it has to be proved. A solution might be found in the attitude adopted by the Soviet pioneers in the Arctic region where marvellous feats of colonization and exploitation are being made with the aid of aeroplanes, wireless and other scientific resources denied the earlier explorers. A traveller through these Arctic regions in a recent book on his experiences narrates that he arrived by air at one isolated post and wanted to go to bed immediately as it was dark and he calculated that the time was 11 p.m. The Soviet official was astonished and asked him if he were a mere boy wanting to go to bed at 7 p.m. These hardy pioneers still adhered to Moscow time and habits, although a time difference of four hours separate the two points. Ignoring an elementary astronomical rule, bedtime for them was about dawn and rising was when the sun was high up the sky.

Gretna Green to Go

If the proposed Bill to abolish irregular marriages at Gretna Green is eventually adopted by the British Parliament the end will be put to a somewhat romantic, if questionable practice permitting marriages to which there may be valid opposition from relatives of one or both of the contracting parties. As the nearest village to the Anglo-Scottish border Gretna Green was, and is notorious as the resort for eloping couples who had failed to gain the consent of their parents or guardians. Up until 1754, when Lord Hardwicke's act abolishing clandestine marriages was put into force, the ceremony had commonly been performed in the Fleet prison in London, but after that date couples were obliged to go to a country where all it was necessary for them to do was to declare their desire to be married before witnesses. That country was Scotland. It was not the blacksmith alone who could officiate at such marriages, for the toll-keeper, ferryman, or in fact any person might serve. Thus the toll-house, the smithy, the inn, and, after 1826, Gretna Hall were the scenes of many such weddings, the fees varying from half a guinea to a sum "as large as impudence could extort or extravagance bestow." In some years as many as 200 marriages were performed in the toll-house alone, so that it is evident that business at times could be very brisk. That was practically stopped, when in 1856 a law was passed requiring that one of the parties should qualify by residing in Scotland for at least three weeks before the ceremony. This has not prevented some enthusiasts from securing such qualifications, though it is suspected that on occasions marriages have been celebrated without such residential qualification having been secured. The passage of the proposed law should put an end to these irregularities, and for that reason will doubtless be welcomed.

A Country Diary

March 24.—He would indeed be a clever diarist who could register some new thought on nature every day—year in, year out—for many years without repeating himself . . . and I often wonder if it is worth while for me to record my daily thoughts on matters which repeat themselves with the regularity of a pendulum clock! There are but twelve hours displayed on the face of a clock, and but twelve months in the year: and so swiftly do the wheels of time turn round, I can almost hear the chimes as the months go by. Take this latter part of March which is the time of the budding of the Willow: the sheaves of the leaves are now bursting away and dropping to the ground: some trees are sterile, others fertile, and in the case of the latter we shall soon see the tiny seeds being distributed on parachutes of silky down . . . all of which I referred to in my diary some four or more years ago. But I am still interested, for I could never understand the mix-up which has for generations existed between the Palm and the Willow when it comes to the celebration of Palm Sunday on the 10th. of April . . . so soon to come. It seems that in Leviticus [Ch. XXIII v. 40) we were told to celebrate the entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem by taking "branches of Palm trees . . . and Willows of the brook . . . (to rejoice before the Lord)." Ever since then the Palm and the Willow have been mixed up, partly because of this biblical exhortation and partly because there is a similarity between the flowers (or catkins) of the two plants. Here is an extract from an old book to show how this has been observed: "It is still customary with men and boys to go a-palming in London early on Palm Sunday morning: tnat is by gathering branches of the Willow, with their shining velvet-looking buds . . . nine out of ten of the purchasers, being Londoners, buy it in imitation of others and do not even know the tree which produces it." I wonder how many people in Shanghai are in the same boat?

IN PARENTHESIS

Density

"DENSITY of population is the chief cause of war." Yes, if people were less dense, they would hang warmakers and live in peace.

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Mistaken

SWEET Young Thing: "I see you keep your beer in a barrel."
Disillusioned Host: "No, my dear, it comes in a barrel."

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Two Birds

DAUGHTER: "Daddy, John asked me to-day to marry him but I told him I couldn't leave mamma."
Father: "That's all right, dear. Take her with you."

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Heart Action

"I DON'T like your heart action," said the family doctor to the young man. "But of course you've had some previous trouble with angina pectoris."
The youth heaved a deep sigh.
"Yes, doctor, I have," he replied. "But you haven't got her name quite right."

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The Philosopher

A PEDESTRIAN crossed a traffic-filled street while looking up at an aeroplane overhead. Three buses shaved him so closely that his beard didn't appear again for a week, the wind from six passing cars raised the nap on his last year's suit, one five-passenger car removed the shine from the back of his left shoe, and the drivers of seven other assorted makes, while stripping their gears in an effort to avoid him, also stripped their vocabularies of every known high-powered adjective. After stumbling over the kerbstone on the farther side of the road, the pedestrian was heard to murmur. "My gracious, those airmen lead dangerous lives."

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Erich, Little By Little

Now meet Erich, the latest world's champion eater who has just gate-crashed into the feeding records.

Erich is a Munich furniture remover. Usually he starts with the table and removes everything on it.

Twenty-four large-sized meat pies with six quarts of beer are just a snack for Erich. When a Berlin newspaper man interviewed him on the secret of his success, he sighed and said simply, "Please pass the mustard."

Erich, who weighs over 19 stone, has never had indigestion in his life, never uses a serviette or has been known to leave twopence under a plate.

His only ambition now is to make the swastika knitted on the front of his pullover the biggest in Germany.

—Yorick in the "Sunday Chronicle."

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The Dorking Thigh

ABOUT to marry and invest
Their lives in safety and routine
Stanley and June required a nest
And came down on the 4.15.

The agent drove them to the Posh Estate
And showed them several habitations.
None did. The afternoon got late
With questions, doubts and explanations.

Then day grew dim and Stan fatigued
And disappointment raised its head,
But June declared herself intrigued
To know where that last turning led.

It led to a Tudor snuggery styled
"Ye Kumfi Nooklet" on the gate.
"A gem of a home," the salesman smiled,
"My pet place on the whole estate."

"It's not quite finished, but you'll see
Good taste itself." They went inside.
"This little place tis built to be
A husband's joy, a housewife's pride."

They saw the white convenient sink,
The modernistic chimneypiece,
June gasped for joy, Stan gave a wink
To say, "Well, here our quest can cease."

The salesman purred (he'd managed well)
And June undid a cupboard door.
"For linen," she beamed. And out there fell
A nameless Something on the floor.

"Something the workmen left, I expect,"
The agent said, as it fell at his feet,
Nor knew that his chance of a sale was wrecked.
"Good heavens, it must be a joint of meat!"

Ah yes, it was meat, it was meat all right,
A joint those three will never forget—
For they stood alone in the Surrey night
With the severed thigh of a plump brunette,

Early and late, early and late,
Traffic was jammed round the Posh Estate,
And the papers were full of the Dorking Thigh
And who, and when, and where, and why.

A trouser button was found in the mud
(Who made it? Who wore it? Who lost it?
Who knows?)
But no one found a trace of blood
Or her body or face, or the spoiler of those.

He's acting a play in the common air
On which no curtain can ever come down.
Though "Ye Kumfi Nooklet" was shifted elsewhere
June made Stan take a flat in town.

—William Plomer in "Time and Tide."

THE WEATHER

The temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai for 24 hours ending 7 p.m.

Yesterday	Min.	44.5	Max.	62.0
Same date, 1937	Min.	36.0	Max.	63.5
Rainfall trace.				

Siccawei Recordings:—

Yesterday	Min.	38.8	Max	64.8
Same date, 1937	Min.	Nil.	Max.	Nil.

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 23rd:—Low and unsteady pressure over China, Korea and Japan. Northerly to easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine weather in the north: overcast with fog over our Coasts and in the south.

State on the morning of the 24th:—The sky overcast during the night, clears up in the morning. Westerly breezes. Low and rising pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy and fine weather with fresh north-westerly to northerly winds around Shantung. Cloudy with fog and north-westerly to north-easterly winds over our Coasts. Overcast with mist or rain in places and fresh to moderate north-easterly winds over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

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International Red Cross.—From A ladies' bridge four	$ 1.75
Proceeds of "Snow White and the Dwarfs" by five American School girls	$14.00
Father Jacquinot Refugee Fund.—From Chinese staff, Capital Lithographers Ltd., Pootung and Whashing Road in memory of Mrs. M. A. Witschi.	$31.00

Britain Will Not Pledge Defence of Czechs

"Does Not Mean Nothing Makes Us Fight," Declares Mr. Chamberlain in Tense House of Commons; Basic Policy Stays Unchanged

London, Mar. 24.

GREETED by rousing Ministerial cheers, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, entered the House of Commons at 3.10 o'clock this afternoon to deliver his momentous speech on the British Government's policy towards European affairs. The House was packed, both the floor and the galleries being crowded.

In the Diplomatic Gallery were the United States, Soviet, Belgian, Chinese, French and Argentine Ambassadors and the Ministers of seven European States, including Czechoslovakia. Also in the Diplomatic Gallery were Mr. Stanley Melbourne Bruce, High Commissioner for Australia in London, and Mr. Charles Theodore te Water, High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa in London.

The buzz of conversation among members, which proceeded during the questions, suddenly turned to sober silence as Mr. Chamberlain rose at 3.49 o'clock to unfold the attitude which the Government had adopted after deep consideration.

The Prime Minister declared that he could not imagine any events that would change the fundamental basis of the British foreign policy, which was the maintenance and preservation of peace. Peace was the greatest interest of the British Empire.

"That does not mean, however, that nothing would make us fight. (Cheers)

"We are bound by certain treaty obligations which would entail on us the necessity of fighting if the occasion arose. I hope that no one

Mr. Neville Chamberlain

doubts that we would be prepared to fulfil those obligations. (Cheers)

"There are certain vital British interests for which, if they were menaced, we would fight—the defence of British territories and vital communications." (Cheers)

"No Winners in Wars"

All the same, the Prime Minister declared, Great Britain's object must always be to preserve the essential things without recourse to war, if it were possible, "because we know that in war there are no winners."

There is nothing but suffering and ruin for those involved.

Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that even if Great Britain were involved in war anywhere it must react on her and on her interests.

Referring to the problem of how to maintain peace, the Prime Minister said that the League of Nations had been cherished as a capable instrument, "but I do not deny that my original belief in the League for that purpose has been profoundly shaken."

Mr. Chamberlain said he did not believe that the League might not be revivified and strengthened.

"The best thing we can do," he said, "is to help the League of Nations back to health, so that it may still become the surest and most effective guarantee for the peace of the world, that has yet been known."

Dealing with the question of collective security, the League, he declared, would be effective if the co-operation of a sufficient number of member states would present a front of overwhelming power to any potential aggressor.

Britain's Commitments

The Prime Minister then proceeded to define Great Britain's existing commitments, namely, the defence of France and Belgium against unprovoked aggression and, also, treaty obligations with Portugal, Iraq and Egypt.

Speaking of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Chamberlain asked:

"Should we, forthwith, assure France that we will support her in a military way if she is called on to implement her obligations to that nation, owing to German aggression?

"Or, should we immediately declare our readiness to act militarily, in resistance, in any forcible interference with the independence and integrity of Czechoslovakia, and invite other nations to associate themselves with us in such a declaration?"

Under either of these alternatives, the Prime Minister continued, the decision whether Britain should find itself involved in war would be automatically removed from the British Government's discretion. The suggested guarantee would then apply irrespective of the circumstances by which it was brought into operation and over which the Government might not have been able to exercise any control.

"This position," he stated, "is not one which the British Government could see its way to accept." (Loud Ministerial cheers).—Reuter.

France Determined To Uphold Pledges Made to Czechs

Anglo-French Conference Of Ministers Expected

Paris, Mar. 23.

France's determination to fulfil all her commitments with regard to Czechoslovakia was re-affirmed today by M. Joseph Paul-Boncour, the Foreign Minister, speaking before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee.

Outlining France's attitude towards record events in Europe, M. Paul-Boncour stressed the necessity of co-operation between all peace-loving nations definitely to oppose any attempts at aggression or interference in the private affairs of minor countries which would imperil European peace.

Referring to Spain, he insisted that continuation of the non-intervention policy must not result in a weakening of France's position in the Mediterranean. The French Government will not tolerate either a temporary or lasting concentration of non-Spanish forces near French territory or France's lines of communication with Africa.

Authoritative circles here are keenly interested in the reports from London of the possibility of an Anglo-French conference on outstanding political questions being held shortly.

The Premier, M. Leon Blum, and the Foreign Minister, M. Paul-Boncour, they added, would be ready to leave for London if the British Government considered present circumstances favourable for direct talks. It would, however, he preferred if the British statesmen came to Paris as French Ministers had gone to London for the Anglo-French talks last November.—Havas.

London Information

London, Mar. 23.

An Anglo-French conference on outstanding questions of international politics is likely to take place in a few days time, political circles indicated to-day.

It is understood that Britain now wishes to hold the meeting as soon as possible apparently to continue discussion of subjects raised last November in the Anglo-French talks between Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister; Mr. Anthony Eden, the then Foreign Secretary, and M. Camille Chautemps, the then French Premier, and M. Yvon Delbos, the then French Foreign Minister.

Those expected to take part in the new meeting are Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Halifax, the French Secretary, M. Leon Blum, the French Premier, and M. Joseph Paul-Boncour, the French Foreign Minister.—Havas.

M. Blum's Cabinet May Fall Very Soon

Senate Committee Action May Cause Reshuffle

Paris, Mar. 24.

A serious situation was created by the unexpected rejection yesterday by the Senate Finance Committee by seventeen votes to two, of the draft bill granting the newly-created Autonomous National Defence Fund an endowment of Frs. 3,145,000,000 from exchange equalization fund profits.

The Senate is expected to adopt the conclusions of the financial rapporteurs, M. Joseph Caillaux and M. Abel Gardey, and reject the draft bill.

Political circles believe the Finance Committee rejected M. Blum's bill because of the necessity of forming a National Union Cabinet which alone can face the present situation. The move is most unusual as deliberations of the Finance Committee should be purely technical, not political.—Havas.

Germans Celebrate

To celebrate the union of Germany and Austria, a meeting was held at the German School, Avenue Haig, at 6.30 p.m. yesterday by the German and Austrian communities in Shanghai. A talk was given by Mr. F. Lahrmann. The meeting was concluded with the singing of patriotic songs by those present.

U.S. Transport Searched

San Francisco, Mar. 23.

Intelligence officers boarded the U.S. Army Transport St. Mihiel when it arrived here to-day a day ahead of schedule from Honolulu. All American troops were kept on board the ship after the intelligence officers went on board. The intelligence officers were reported conducting a search of the entire ship, but reasons for the search could not be learned.—United Press.

Moslem Judges Dismissed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Jerusalem, Mar. 24.

The High Commissioner, Sir Harold MacMichael, has ordered the dismissal of the judges and officials of nine Moslem religious courts, according to the "Palestine Gazette" today.—Reuter.

Empire Arms Programme to Be Speeded Up

Prime Minister Seeks Aid of Labour Unions

London, Mar. 24.

Determination of the British Government to accelerate its defence programme was announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the course of an interview yesterday at Downing Street with members of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, the powerful labour organization.

It was the first visit of members of the T.U.C. to the Prime Minister's residence since the General Strike of 1926 and was made on the special invitation of Mr. Chamberlain.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, was also present at the interview, which attracted much attention.

Although the Prime Minister informed the delegation that he felt obliged to arrange for a further degree of acceleration of the Government's defence programme, he said he did not intend to submit specific proposals on the subject.

It would be for the leaders of different sections of industry, employers and employed, to discuss ways in which they could best give the Government the assistance needed.

The proper way in which any necessary discussion should be arranged would be between employers and the trade unions concerned in the particular section of industry affected.

Goodwill and Aid Asked

His object in meeting the General Council, Mr. Chamberlain declared, was to ask their goodwill and help and to express confidence that, with their knowledge of the issues at stake, they would accede to his request.

The General Council undertook to give the Prime Minister's important statement their very careful consideration at the earliest possible date.

The Prime Minister has invited the National Confederation of Employers organizations to meet him on the same subject.

It is unofficially understood that Mr. Chamberlain yesterday hinted, even if he did not directly mention, the possibility of training semi-skilled and unskilled labour, a relaxation of trade union apprenticeship schemes, and the introduction of labour to engineering trades from other industries.

Commons Discussion

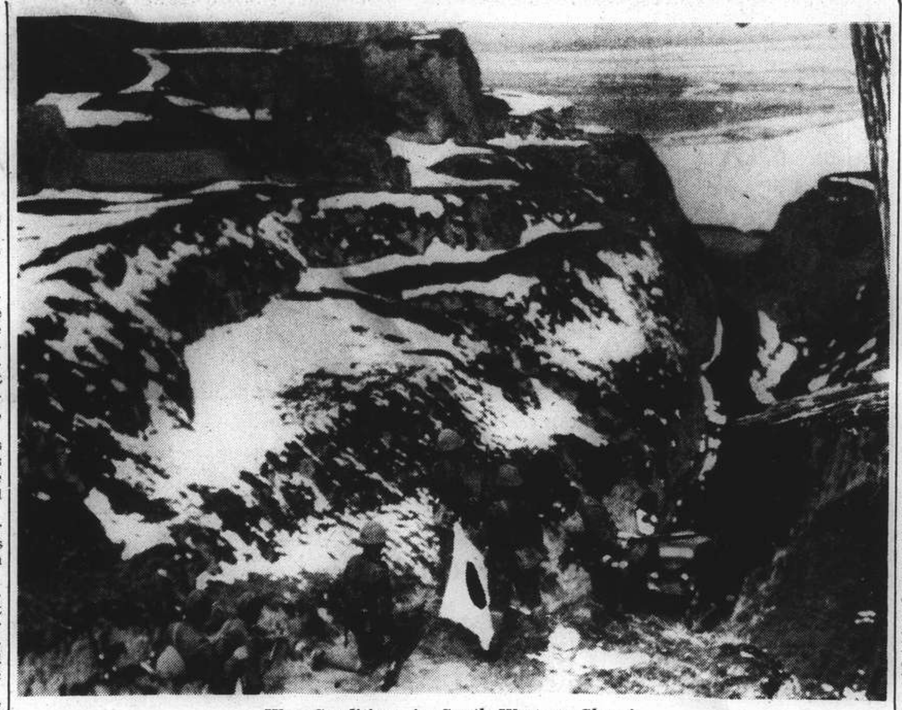
Reflecting Great Britain's anxiety over the deterioration of the international situation, Mr. Chamberlain was kept busy in the House of Commons yesterday replying to a barrage of questions concerning the British defence programme and other kindred matters.

The first question asked was whether, in order to facilitate an immediate mobilization of the services of the entire nation upon the outbreak of war, it was the Prime Minister's intention to introduce a system of universal national registration.

"A scheme of compulsory national registration in wartime, if the Government of the day so decide," Mr. Chamberlain replied, "has been in existence for many years. Proposals for compulsory registration in peace time have also been considered but, on the balance, the advantages to be derived from it have been found to be outweighed by difficulties."

The Prime Minister was then asked what steps it was proposed to take to accelerate Britain's defence preparations, and whether he intended to create a Ministry of Supply.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that passages dealing with the speeding up of the British defence programme would be included in the statement on foreign policy which he would make in the House to-day. As at present advised he added, he did not consider acceleration would result from the establishment of a Ministry of Supply.—Reuter.



War Conditions in South-Western Shansi

This picture gives a graphic idea of the war conditions in South-Western Shansi where the Chinese and Japanese are at grips. A Japanese outpost is seen in the snow-covered mountains, with the Yellow River in the background. Below the soldiers a military truck may be seen climbing the hill along the narrow, muddy road.

Huge U.S. Army Supply Bill to Foreshadow Vast Expansion

House Committee Reports Favourably on Measure Asking for $447,808,550; More for Aircraft

Washington, Mar. 23.

THE House of Representatives Appropriations Committee to-day reported favourably on the $447,808,550 War Supply Bill which included an appropriation of $16,880,000 for anti-aircraft defences and munition supplies and $18,000,000 for the building of new aircraft. The latter appropriation represented an increase of $1,050,447 over that for the preceding year.

Another item included in the bill is the appropriation of $1,496,340 for enlisted men in the Philippine Scouts. Appropriations for sea-coast defences and for the Insular Departments were not specified in the bill.

Gen. Malin Craig, Chief of Staff of the Army, advocated a regular army of 173,000 men. He testified that the United States Army's Air Force would have 1,378 fighting planes by June 30, this year and would by June 30, 1940, reach the maximum strength of 2,320 planes, the objective of the Baker Board investigating America's strength in the air.—United.

Enormous Expansion

Washington, Mar. 24.

The United States Army Estimates for the next financial year are nearly as large as in 1920-21, when an American army of occupation was still in Germany. The Bill asks for $32,000,000 more than the sum available in the current year.

According to recent disclosures, a military force of 675,000 is the Army's objective. Army leaders hope to have, within a few years, a regular army of 15,000 officers, 180,000 men, a national guard of 210,000 men and an organized reserve force of 120,000 officers and 150,000 men. The present strength of the regular army is 165,000 men.—Reuter.

Maj.-Gen. Watson Found Dead in Hedge

Iraq Army Adviser Killed Near Leamington

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 24.

Maj.-Gen. Hugh Wharton Myddleton Watson, Inspector-General and Military Adviser of the Iraq Army, who came home on sick leave some time ago, was found dead to-day in a hedge near Leamington, Warwickshire, with severe injuries in his head.

A sporting gun was found by his side.

Fifty-six years of age, Maj.-Gen. Watson served throughout the South African and European wars. In the latter he saw service at St. Eloi, the Ypres salient and Cambrai, and was twice wounded.—Reuter.

Mr. James Lin Alive

Hankow, Mar. 24.

In connection with a report emanating, it is said, from the United States, to the effect that Mr. James Lin, son of Mr. Lin Sen, President of China, had been killed in action while fighting against the Japanese, Reuter is informed that Mr. James Lin is alive and safe in Foochow. He is staying there with his family.—Reuter.

N. China New Notes Still Lack Cover

Tientsin, Mar. 24.

Reports from Peiping that banks affiliated with the "Federated Reserve Bank" would transact limited foreign exchange business on the basis of fourteen pence have, hitherto, not been substantiated, as local banks decline to sell against Federated Reserve Bank notes, alleging that no instructions have been received.

Rumours are in circulation that some negotiations are in progress, from which some "daylight" may be seen in the not distant future. At present, however, the position is unchanged, with no cover available against Federated Reserve Bank notes.—Reuter.

Japanese Exchange Control Relaxed

Epochal Change Instituted Will Permit Unconditional Raw Material Importations

Tokyo, Mar. 23.

Great importance is attached by Japanese trade circles to the decision of the Finance Ministry to adopt new foreign exchange measures to allow unconditional importation of foreign raw materials for re-exportation as finished goods.

Owing to the rigid import exchange regulations which have been in force in Japan since the beginning of last year, there has been a serious shortage in supply of raw materials for export goods and this has been greatly hampering the nation's export business.

Apprehension has been felt in various trades that Japan might gradually lose her foreign markets, and the opinion has been gathering strength that the Japanese Government should alleviate the import exchange regulations with respect to goods for re-export and those entitled to import duty rebates.

In view of these developments, the Finance Ministry, after consulting with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Cabinet Planning Board, has reached a decision to replace the old policy by a new measure to allow unconditional importation of raw materials to enter the bonded districts and those entitled to import duty rebates, on request from the importer, with a view to contributing to the promotion of export business.

This decision is considered an epochal change in the foreign exchange policy of Japan, and is expected to bring about a considerable improvement in Japan's international trade.—Reuter.

Commons Told Japanese May Accept S.M.C. Reply to Demands

Foreign Office Lacks Details on Negotiations Over Incidents with U.S. Troops in Settlement Sector

London, Mar. 24.

Negotiatons being conducted between the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Japanese authoriites came up at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

In reply to Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour member for the Kingswinford division of Staffordshire, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said he understood that the Municipal Council's reply to the Japanese demands of January 4 was acceptable to the Japanese authorities.

Mr. Henderson then asked if the Japanese had been requested to take steps to prevent such incidents as those which had recently occurred between the Japanese and American troops in Shanghai.

"I have not received details of the negotiations," Mr. Butler replied.

"A Tactful Document"

"A tactful document which bears the marks of high diplomatic advice" is how the "Manchester Guardian" today describes the reply of the Shanghai Municipal Council to the Japanese demands. These demands were for an increase in the number of Japanese members of the Municipal Police and the placing of Japanese in controlling positions in all the important organs of the Council.

The Municipal Council's request, that the Japanese should restore control of those parts of the International Settlement occupied during the fighting, in return for an increase in the Japanese branch of the police, the newspaper asserts, seems a reasonable compromise.

There is no good reason, the journal concludes, why the Japanese should not accept this request.—Reuter.

U.S. Holds Up Helium Gas from Germany

Formula Vetoing Military Use Now Being Sought

Washington, Mar. 24.

Because no formula has been found to guarantee against its military use, shipments of helium to Germany for the new German zeppelin have been delayed by the Government.

According to the Department of the Minister of the Interior, which has the final say in the matter, changed political conditions have made such a formula increasingly difficult to find. Strict regulations governing exports of helium gas from the country are in force in the United States.

Seeking to prevent foreign military use or undue waste of the rare non-inflammable gas, of which the United States has a virtual monopoly, the National Munition Control Board some months ago decreed annual limits and shipments to any country or individual for medical, scientific or commercial purposes.

Before the Hindenburg disaster the export of helium gas from the United States was prohibited, but later new legislation was signed by President Roosevelt authorizing the export of the gas, but stipulating that exports for aircraft purposes must be restricted to craft plying directly between the United States and a foreign country.—Reuter.

Britain to Blame

Los Angeles, Mar. 23.

Germany's coup in Austria was made possible by British financial assistance to Germany in accordance with the policy of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, Herr Thomas Mann, exiled German author, said here to-day.

"I am convinced Mr. Chamberlain made a deal with Herr Adolf Hitler to lend England's support to Germany in return for Germany's agreement to cease her demands for the return of former German colonies," Herr Mann declared.—United Press.

Belgium Needs Navy

Brussels, Mar. 24.

Re-establishment of the Belgian Navy, completely abolished after the War, is regarded as likely in political circles here, following a speech by War Minister Denis before the Senate yesterday in which he emphasized the necessity of ensuring food supplies by sea in case of war. Belgium, he declared, has neglected her sea defence for years but the time has come when coasts must be protected.—Trans-Ocean.

Shirley Temple Given £2,000 Damages

Lord Hewart Says Libel "Gross Outrage"

London, Mar. 24.

Little Miss Shirley Temple, the American child film actress, was awarded damages in the sum of £2,000 in settlement of a libel suit against the British magazine, "Night and Day," here yesterday.

The magazine had published an article in which the film "Wee Willie Winkie" was adversely criticized, the author having made the assertion that no mother could take her child to see such a film.

In approving the terms of the out-of-court settlement, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Hewart, declared that the libel was a "gross outrage," and the counsel for defence stated that it was "one of the most horrible libels that one could imagine about a child only nine years old."

The Twentieth Century Fox Company, which sued jointly with the child film actress, was awarded £1,000, and its English subsidiary £500.

The counsel for defence intimated that the money received in the damages will be turned over to charity.—Trans-Ocean.

Important New French Air Base in Corsica

Strategic Naval and Air Depot for Mediterranean

Paris, Mar. 23.

The completion of an important air base at Aspretto, Corsica, halfway between France and North Africa was announced in an official communique released by the Navy Ministry this evening.

"The protection of French communications with North Africa," the communique stressed, "necessitates the construction of powerful air and naval bases. Hence, the Navy Ministry is glad to announce the completion of the Aspretto base, the strategical position of which is most favourable."

The communique describes the new base as ultra-modern, and capable of sheltering, refuelling, and repairing several squadrons of sea and land planes.—Havas.

British Press Freedom

London, Mar. 23.

"No attempt had been made, either by instruction, request or suggestion, to prevent any newspapers from their considered views on the Government's foreign policy and I have already made a reference to the heavy responsibility which rests on the press when commenting on international affairs," said Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in reply to a question asked in the House of Commons to-day.—Wireless through Reuter.

Japanese Shipping in Yangtze Subsidized

Nisshin Company Will Build Five New Vessels

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

To strengthen Japanese shipping companies operating in China, the Japanese Ministry of Communications has included, in a supplementary budget, subsidies amounting to Y.200,000 for the Japan-Tsingtao route, Y.190,000 for the Japan-Tientsin route and Y.1,500,000 for the Yangtze River route and the coastal route of the Nisshin Steamship Company.

The Ministry will also consider providing a shipbuilding fund for the Nisshin Steamship Company, which operates along the Yangtze, for the construction of five new vessels to replace losses in the recent fighting at Shanghai.—Reuter

Spanish Nationalist Greeting to Fuehrer

Herr Hitler Praised for "Sparing Europe"

Berlin, Mar. 24.

Gen. Francisco Franco, the Nationalist leader, telegraphed to-day to Herr Adolf Hitler, sending the greetings of Spain "in this solemn hour in which Germany has rendered a service to the West by sparing Europe of danger and bloodshed."

The message was despatched by Gen. Franco "from the victorious front of his war against Communism."

The Reichsfuehrer replied by expressing a hope that a "final victory by Nationalist Spain would soon be won."—Reuter.

Two Killed in Gun Battle

Police Kill One, Wound Three Armed Robbers; Many Pedestrians Suffer in Grim Encounter

IN one of the fiercest gun fights between police and armed robbers in Shanghai for many years, one robber was shot dead, three others wounded, one suspect wounded, the master of the house where the robbery occurred wounded, one pedestrian killed and three others wounded by stray bullets in Avenue Edward VII yesterday morning. It is estimated that over 100 rounds were fired in the grim encounter, in which four desperate men were fighting for their lives against a determined police posse from Chengtu Road Station. The police under Inspector B. B. Everest, made a brilliant success out of the round-up, shooting down all four robbers without a single policeman being hurt.

Outstanding in the gun battle, in which great heroism was displayed by the entire police party, were a courageous attack upon an armed robber by Inspector Everest, who tackled the man after he had exhausted all his ammunition; the action of Sergeant W. H. Johnson, on patrol in the vicinity, who quickly joined in the affray although he had no steel vest; the shooting down of two robbers by a party led by Inspector S. V. Gash; and of a third by Sergeant O. C. Goldsmith, who jumped on to the roof of the house, and with his first shot brought down his man as he was making a dash across the courtyard. All of the booty was recovered.

Alarm Raised

The grim drama began soon after 9 a.m., when a coolie employed at House 1240 Avenue Edward VII told the traffic policeman on duty at the corner of the Avenue and Mohawk Road that armed robbers were ransacking the house and terrorizing the inmates. The C.P.C. quickly telephoned through to Chengtu Road Police Station for assistance. Inspector Everest was on duty in the charge room at the time, and he swiftly organized a raiding party eight strong, all of whom packed into a Ford car and sped to the scene of the robbery.

Outside the house, Inspector Everest quickly made his plans for tackling the gang, all of them armed, and all desperate men ready to shoot as soon as the first opportunity presented itself. He sent one party around to the back of the house, placing it under Inspector Gash. He himself headed a second party, which stationed itself outside the front entrance to the house, ready to tackle the robbers if they made a dash for safety through the big iron gates, already locked by the robbers to prevent police from entering by this means.

It was not long before the party at the rear of the house had engaged the robbers. The police stationed themselves at the foot of a staircase inside the back entrance. Suddenly, they heard three men thumping down the stairs. Eight guns went into action as police and robbers blazed away at each other. Two robbers fell wounded at the foot of the staircase, while the third dashed through to the front entrance, blood streaming from his clothing where more than one police bullet had already found its mark.

Exciting Duel

It was this robber who caused the police the most anxiety, and who wounded five persons before he himself was seized by Inspector Everest. The man succeeded in making his way out of the building and across the front courtyard. At the front entrance, he half opened one of the big iron gates. Immediately, a hail of bullets spattered into the courtyard from the police party which was waiting outside. The robber returned fire, and for several minutes shots whipped backwards and forwards, many flying across to the other side of the Avenue and wounding onlookers.

The police party was firing from a shop on the same side of the street as the house where the robbers were trapped. Seeing that it would be impossible to shoot accurately from this position, Inspector Everest, although by so doing he placed himself in the direct line of fire, ran across the street to an electric light standard at the corner of Luzon Road. From this vantage point, he opened fire on the robber hiding behind the iron gates.

A few shots had been exchanged when the robber was seen to dash full speed across the street, and, shielding himself by hiding behind onlookers, make off in a westerly direction. Inspecotr Everest, who had by this time exhausted his supply of ammunition, gave chase, and quickly caught up with his man. Seizing hold of the robber, he dealt him a blow over the head with the butt of his pistol. Detective Sergeant J. W. M. Dickson ran up and assisted in seizing the robber. The fugitive died soon afterwards from bullet wounds received earlier in the affray.

Fourth Robber Shot

Meanwhile, a third Police party had climbed up on to the roof of the house, and it remained for Sergeant Goldsmith to shoot the fourth robber as he leaped out on to the verandah in the front of the house in an attempt to reach safety through the main entrance.

The master of the house was wounded before the police had been summoned, and the pedestrian casualties during the shooting included one Chinese boy shot dead, two women and one man wounded. The French Police later reported that a man had been found suffering from a gunshot wound at the corner of Route Bluntschli and Rue Lafayette, a distance of no less than 1,000 yards away from the scene of the robbery. It was concluded that the man must have been injured by shots from one of the armed robbers.

A touch of humour in the otherwise grim story is that a shopkeeper on the opposite side of the street has placed a claim with the French Police for $50 for damage caused by police bullets.

Spanish Nationalists Cross Ebro River On Way Towards Catalan Frontiers

Pincer Movement Forces 35,000 Republican Troops To Withdraw Near Saragossa; Madrid Bombarded

Hendaye, Mar. 24.

Thirty-five thousand Republican troops were retreating from a deep salient within eighteen miles of Saragossa to-day hoping to escape a Nationalist pincer movement, the Nationalists reported.

Gen. Fancisco Franco is anxious to eradicate the salient as its nose lies more than sixty miles behind the Nationalist spearhead constituting a constant threat to the rear wings.

Successful crossing of the Ebro River by Nationalists yesterday straightened the lines to permit flanking attacks on Republicans on a 180-mile front from the Ebro River north to the Pyrenees.

With the capture of Tardienta, thirteen miles south of Huesca, the Nationalist pincer drive tightened today, paving the way for a drive to the Mediterranean coast.

On the Aragon front 400 Republicans were killed in a single position at Casa Zanares.

Madrid Bombarded

The central and north-western areas of war-torn Madrid were under the most severe Nationalist shelling in weeks to-day as Gen. Franco completed final plans for the Nationalist drive to the Mediterranean through Catalonia.

An undetermined number of casualties were suffered in Madrid when Nationalist shells shattered buildings and streets in the central part of the city. Inhabitants of the former capital fled to bomb-proof shelters and into the subway for safety. Republican artillery batteries opened up a vigorous reply to the Nationalist shelling.

Gen. Franco completed an air tour of the Catalonian front and was reported satisfied that the final drive for the Mediterranean could be launched immediately. Success of the Nationalist campaign would isolate Barcelona, Valencia and Madrid, breaking the Republican territory into two separate areas which would increase the difficulty of maintaining a unified command.

The next objective of the Nationalists on the Catalonian front was expected to be Valderrobres on the Catalan frontier. Occupation of the town would pave the way for a drive on Gandesa, Morella and Tortosa.

Nationalist forces on the Huesca front meanwhile opened a new offensive which was believed an attempt to draw Republican attention from the lower Aragon front and permit the Nationalists to drive for the sea. Republican spokesmen admitted reverses on the Huesca front, but said all Nationalist attacks on the lower Aragon had been repulsed.—United Press.

Bombing of Barcelona Queried in Commons

Prime Minister Explains International Law

London, Mar. 23.

Recent bombing of Barcelona was to-day again raised at question time in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said that no reply had been received from the Nationalist authorities in Spain to the protest addressed to them.

When asked for a definition of open towns and why Barcelona, in which were situated the seat of the Government, military bases, munitions factories, docks and railways, were so classed, he replied that the rules of international law as to what constituted military objectives were indefinite. Pending conclusion of an examination of the subject, which has been undertaken by Government departments, he said, he was not in a position to make any statement.

One definite rule of International law, Mr. Chamberlain said, was that the direct and deliberate bombing of non-combatants was in all circumstances illegal. His Majesty's Government's protest was based on information which had led it to the conclusion that the bombardment of Barcelona was carried on apparently at random and without special aim of military objectives.

Replying to a further question, Mr. Chamberlain said that the recent representations made to the Vatican were not such as to call for a reply but he understood that the Vatican was deeply interested in the prevention of air raids on the civilian populations in Spain and that they were no doubt taking such action as they considered best calculated to achieve this end.—Wireless through Reuter.

Prisoners Exchanged

Perpignan, Mar. 24.

The exchange of 115 National prisoners including the Duke of Saragossa for the same number of Republicans is to take place here soon, the Nationalists having arrived at the frontier near Hendaye yesterday. It is reported that the Republican prisoners have already left Nationalist Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

Republican Steamer in Nationalist Hands

Rita Garcia's Crew Prefer To Change Allegiance

Santander, Mar. 24.

The 12,000-ton steamer, Rita Garcia, which had set out from England for Valencia, suddenly changed her course on the high seas and made for Santander harbour where she berthed yesterday.

The ship had been recognized as property of the Spanish Republican Government by a British court but the crew decided to cast in their lot with General Franco and ran their ship into Santander where she was taken over by the Nationalist authorities.—Trans-Ocean.

Chinese Believe Shansi Threat Over as Japanese Withdraw

No Likelihood of Crossing Yellow River in That Province; Bitter Tsinpu Railway Battles

Hankow, Mar. 24.

ALL danger of the Japanese forces crossing the Yellow River in Shansi Province is now believed to be over following the withdrawal of Japanese troops from south Shansi to the east, in the direction of the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

Chinese forces are at present strengthening the defence at Kaifeng, capital of Honan Province, and rushing reinforcements to that sector. This action was taken upon receipt of reports of the Japanese forces attempting to cross the Yellow River in the vicinity of Kaifeng, between Chengchow and Hsuchow, with the intention of cutting the Lunghai Railway.

General Hu Tsung-nan, Commander of the First Army Corps, who is at present in charge of the Chinese defence force on the south bank of the Yellow River in the Tungkwan sector, is personally inspecting the defence works on the south bank of the river.

The spokesman at the headquarters of General Chiang Kai-shek announced to-day that a crack Chinese brigade had launched a counter-attack, on March 22, on the Japanese forces entrenched in the vicinity of Yihhsien, east of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and had forced them to withdraw into the walled city.

At the same time, he continued, the Chinese high command had ordered another detachment to strike at the Japanese forces in the neighbourhood of Hanchwang, by a flanking movement from Huangshan and Yinping.

At Grand Canal

The left wing of the Chinese troops operating west of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway had moved across the Grand Canal from Kinghsiang and Chuyei in the direction of Tsining, the spokesman declared.

The Chinese forces concentrated along the Grand Canal, the spokesman went on, and also at Taierchwang, along Lincheng to the Tsaochwang Railway, were launching furious attacks on the Japanese positions south-east of Yihhsien, demolishing many Japanese tanks.

Chinese reports claimed that Japanese artillery positions had withdrawn to the rear for fear of capture by Chinese attackers. Severe fighting, they asserted, was now going on in Tangtoucheng, in south-east Shantung, east of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and north of Lingyi, as the Chinese troops were attempting to encircle the Japanese forces there who were offering stubborn resistance.

The Japanese were attempting, first, to protect the rear of their forces retreating from Chuhsien towards Yishui, and, second, to prevent Chinese troops from advancing west towards the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, thereby threatening the rear of the Japanese troops operating in the vicinity of Hanchwang.

In Shansi

Turning to the Shansi front, the Chinese military spokesman stated that Chinese troops crossed the Yellow River on Monday and attacked the Japanese forces on the north bank in the vicinity of Pinglu, north-east of Tungkwan, under cover of artillery fire. Fighting was going on in the vicinity of Pinglu.

Gunfire was audible yesterday in Kaifeng, the capital of Honan province, when about 900 Japanese at Fengchiu, on the north bank of the Yellow River, opposite Kaifeng, were attacked by Chinese mobile units, the spokesman declared. Following the arrival of fresh Japanese reinforcements, the Chinese mobile units retired.

Japanese troops at Maotsingtu and Yuanchu, in north-west Honan, on the north bank of the Yellow River west of Chengchow, he stated, were retreating east along the north bank towards the Peiping-Hankow Railway, in the direction of Sinhsiang Sinhsiang, the spokesman concluded, was at present being attacked by Chinese moving north along the railway.—Reuter.

Japanese Report

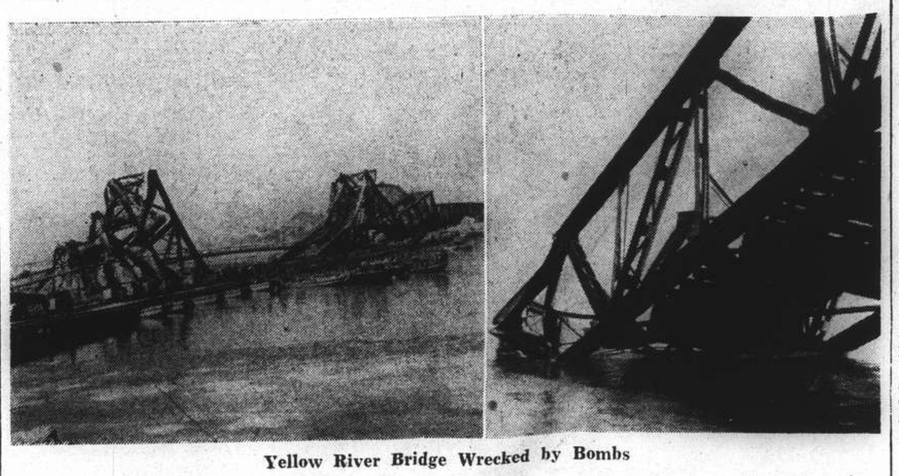
Tsinan, Mar. 24.

Placing itself in a position for a final thrust at Linyi (Yichow), the only remaining Chinese stronghold in south-eastern Shantung, a strong Japanese column yesterday afternoon occupied Tushuchen, eight Kilometres north-east of their goal. In entering the town, the column broke through strong Chinese defence works, manned by Szechuen troops.

The fall of Tushuchen, Japanese military authorities here claimed, "spelled the doom of Linyi."

On the right flank of the Tsinpu front, a Chinese force of 3,000 men was reported to have made a vain and costly attempt to re-take Lincheng, an important railway station 40 miles from Hsuchow. The Chinese column, reports received here said, crossed Lake Weishan in junks on March 22. The little flotilla was spotted early yesterday morning, and Army aircraft were immediately dispatched to bomb it.

The junks were simultaneously made the target of intensive fire from artillery and machine-guns in Tsaoma, eight Kilometres south-west of Lincheng. The badly depleted force, the reports claimed, fled back to its base.—Domei.



Yellow River Bridge Wrecked by Bombs

The Yellow River bridge on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, near Chengchow, a twisted mass of steel following Japanese bombing which destroyed this structure, one of the most magnificent engineering examples in China.

Noted Indian Ruler And Diplomat Dies

Maharajah of Patiala, of Cricketing Fame, Passes At Age of 46 in Lahore

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Lahore, Mar. 24.

Sir Bhupinder Singh, Maharajah of Patiala, famous Indian diplomat and sportsman, died to-day at the age of 46.

Ruler of the largest of the Phulkian States in the Punjab, Sir Bhupinder Singh, was a typical representative of a tradition which is a mixture of oriental pomp and enlightened Western influence. Extravagant, fond of display and luxury-loving, he was at the same time a diplomat of no mean ability, a shrewd judge of men and a fine cricketer.

Born in October 1891, he succeeded in 1900 and was invested with full ruling powers in 1909. He was educated at Aitchisan College, Lanore, and the Imperial Cadet Corps at Dehra Dun.

He visited Europe for the first time in 1911 and attended the coronation Durbar in the same year, when he received his G.C.I.E.

When the Great War broke out, he placed the entire resources of his State at the disposal of the Empire and he himself volunteered his personal services. His Rajinder lancers were utilized at the front. He himself served on the staff in France, Belgium, Italy and Palestine, rendering assistance worthy of the State, which had stood by the Raj during the critical days of the Mutiny.

Princes' Representative

In 1918, the Maharaja represented India at the Imperial War Conference and Cabinet and in 1925, at the League of Nations, while in 1928, he came to England to present the Princes' case before the Indian States Committee. In 1930, he came again as leader of the Indian States Delegation to the Round Table Conference. He also took a leading part in the labours of the Princes Chamber, being Chancellor of that Body for the major part of ten years until his resignation in 1936.

In 1919, he again went on war service—this time in the Afghan War, as special service officer with Sir Arthur Barnett. Later he was appointed honorary Lieutenant-General in the British Army and A.D.C. to the King. On the occasion of his Jubilee in 1933, he was honoured with the degree of LL.D. by the Punjab University. His other academic honours included F.R.G.S., F.R.C.I., F.R.H.S. and F.Z.S.

As a ruler, the Maharajah of Patiala was noted for his charming manner. Shrewd and far-seeing, he was considered by many to be one of the ablest of the Indian Princes.

With the help of his ministers and by allowing rein to their reforming zeal, he succeeded in maintaining the finances of his State on an even keel and achieving considerable progress.

Distinguished Sportsman

Like many of his fellow Princes, he was also a great sportsman. In his day he was considered one of the finest cricketers that India has ever produced. Later, when no longer young by the standards of cricket, he could still, despite added weight, wield the bat with the eye, the hands and the feet of a master.

The innings which he played against the strong M.C.C. team at Delhi in 1934 proved that he still had few equals and even fewer superiors at the game; and although he could no longer run very fast, his eye appeared to be as accurate as ever. He was still a splendid field at silly point and a useful change bowler.

The Maharajah was also a first rate shot and a keen breeder of game dogs. He owned the largest kennel in India and was vice-president of the Indian Kennel Association. His other recreations included polo and motoring.

No Indian Prince of his time had so fine a collection of decorations and only a few could boast the possession of so many precious stones. When clothed in oriental taste, the flashing riches of the jewels which adorned his person were equal to the most exacting demands of Indian romance and tradition. Besides the distinctions of G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., and G.B.E., won for numerous services to the Crown, he held the highest rank in orders of France, Italy, Belgium, Rumania, Greece, Egypt, and even the Vatican, the latter being awarded following an assurance of his personal protection for Catholic Missions within his State.—Reuter.

Mexico Promises Indemnity

Workers Parade in Support of Expropriations of Oil Firms; Yelling "The Gringoes Are Going"

Mexico, City, Mar. 23.

STRONG antipathy for all foreigners, especially Americans, was displayed here to-day by more than 200,000 Mexican workers who paraded through the streets to acclaim the President Gen. Lazaro Cardenas, for his decree which confiscated all foreign-owned oil companies in Mexico last week.

Industry and business in the capital came to a complete standstill during the demonstration. The huge parade was led by a drum corps and made its way through the city as three military planes manœuvred overhead. American tourists along the path of the march were hissed by the Mexican workers. Some groups of workers shouted: "One, Two, Three, Four ....the Gringoes are going."

Police and Federal troops stationed throughout the city maintained order and prevented any incidents involving foreigners.

A delegation of Cuban workers which participated in the parade carried huge banners condemning foreign imperialism. One banner declared: "The people of Cuba who are victims of American imperialism have dreams of following Mexico's example."

Obligations to Be Upheld

Following the parade, President Cardenas, in a speech from the palace balcony, promised to "honour obligations abroad." He said Mexico would "begin immediately on idemnification" to be paid foreign petroleum companies.

"It will be necessary to make some sacrifices," the President warned, "to obtain the independence which our people demand. We are not going to obtain it forcibly nor are we going to refuse to pay for properties expropriated."

The outbreak of anti-foreign sentiment was the strongest seen in Mexico in many years and led to fears that popular sentiment might force the Government to confiscate additional foreign property, particularly in the mining industry in which large amounts of foreign capital has been invested.

One group of paraders carried a large black coffin with an inscription on the cover reading: "Here lie the petroleum companies." The coffin later was burned in front of the newspaper "Excelsior" while fiery speakers assailed the reactionary press.

Stalin and Trotskyist Communists dropped their differences and joined together in the mass demonstration to-day.—United Press.

Parade in Juarez

Juarez, Mar. 23.

Six thousand workers to-day participated in a parade here to acclaim their support of the Government policy of confiscating property of foreign oil companies. Some of the workers carried large banners with inscriptions denouncing imperialism.—United Press.

Question in Commons

London, Mar. 23.

Information was sought in the House of Commons to-day regarding the representations made to the Mexican Government concerning the treatment of British interests in Mexican oil fields.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that on March 10, Mr. Owen St. Clair O'Malley, the British Minister in Mexico, officially drew the attention of the Mexican Government to the profound anxiety of His Majesty's Government over the probable consequences to established British interests as a result of the verdict of the Mexican Supreme Court of March 1.

On March 16, Mr. Butler said, Mr. O'Malley also had an interview with the Mexican President, Gen. Lazaro Cardenas, on the subject of this verdict.

His Majesty's Government, who have informed the Mexican Government that they reserve their full rights in the matter, Mr. Butler declared, are now examining the situation resulting from the expropriation decree made public on March 19.—Wireless through Reuter.

Greek National Day

In celebration of the national day of Greece to-day, the Greek Consulate 55 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, will give a reception to the Greek nationals in Shanghai between 12 noon to 1 p.m. Mr. Paul P. Yannoulatos, the acting Consul-General, will preside over the function.

Greek orthodox rites will be held at the Russian Cathedral, 55 Route Paul Henry at 6 p.m.

Armed Robber Arrested

A narrow escape from death was yesterday experienced by a French Police Constable at the corner of Route Magy and Avenue Haig. While searching a suspect, he discovered a Mauser pistol loaded with eight cartridges before the robber had made up his mind to draw it. Taken to the police station, it was found out that the arrested man had already been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for kidnapping in 1928. He confessed that he was out to commit a robbery and that he had taken part in armed attacks in Ferry Road and Rue Palikao. Acting on his information, the police later arrested three more individuals in Route Dupleix. These too admitted their participation in the robberies.

"Hollywood Hotel"

Ronnie Bowers	Dick Powell
Virginia	Rosemary Lane
Mona Marshall	Lola Lane
Chester Marshall	Hugh Herbert
Fuzzy	Ted Healy
Jonesy	Glenda Farrell
Georgia	Johnnie Davis
Louella Parsons	Louella Parsons
Alexander Dupre	Alan Mowbray
Dot Marshall	Mabel Todd
Alice	Frances Langford
Jerry Cooper	Jerry Cooper
Ken Niles	Ken Niles
Duane Thompson	Duane Thompson
Bernie Walton	Allyn Joslyn
B. L. Faulkin	Grant Mitchell
Callaghan	Edgar Kennedy
The Russian	Fritz Feld
Dress Designer	Curt Bois

Music, song, laughter and comedy, in rapid succession, virtually tread on each other's toes in the fast-paced musicale, "Hollywood Hotel," which kept last night's audience at the Grand Theatre rocking in their seats, for inasmuch as many of the studio's principal players were reinforced by high-class specialty turns, there never was a slow minute throughout the show. As is the vogue in Hollywood to-day, a cycle of pictures are being made which depict some of the inner work in the studios. "Hollywood Hotel" does likewise and in addition introduces the spectators to a number of the better known "spots" of the cinema capital. Besides all these items, the film in many respects is a "take-off," to use a technical term, on Miss Greta Garbo and her alleged mannerism. So much talent is introduced that each is left to choose those parts or persons that pleased him most. The writer took a keen delight in the artistry of Miss Rosemary Lane, the singing of Mr. Johnnie Davis, the sharp tongue of Miss Glenda Farrell, the antics of Miss Mabel Todd, Mr. Alan Mowbray's matchless diction, but above all the priceless rendering of "Black Eyes." The film also marks the last appearance of Mr. Ted Healy whose death, it will be recalled, occurred recently. This reviewer has not the slightest hesitation in recommending "Hollywood Hotel" to an international community, who enjoy a melange of music, mirth and song.—C.S.M.

Two Stabbed in Robbery

Earlier in the day, another robbery was reported in the western district. Four men, two of whom were armed with knives, entered No. 9 Ts Yu Pang, off Edinburgh Road, at about 2.30 a.m. On an alarm being raised, the robbers decamped without stealing anything. Two of the occupants were stabbed, however.

Prague Tests Defences

Prague, Mar. 23.

Air defence manœuvres were carried out here throughout the entire day. Planes roared over the city dropping tear-gas bombs while the populace rushed for shelter in the various underground cellars. The entire city was in darkness to-night in anticipation of a mock attack.—Havas.

Admiral Sees Governor

Canton, Mar. 24.

Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, the recently appointed British Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, who came here to-day from Hongkong, called on General Wu Te-chen, Governor of Kwangtung, at 11 o'clock this morning at the Provincial Government headquarters. Admiral Noble is returning to Hongkong this afternoon.—Reuter.

Three Houses Gutted

Three houses were gutted in Lane No. 390, Chemulpo Road, at about 10 p.m. yesterday. A machine of the Shanghai Fire Brigade remained at the scene of the fire for more than two hours before it was extinguished. The gutted houses were Nos. 25, 27 and 29.

Citroen Men Strike

Paris, Mar. 24.

Fifteen thousand workers of the Citroen Automobile Company went on strike to-day demanding the renewal of collective labour contracts. They occupied five plants.—United Press.

Nazi Brigade Reported in Czechoslovakia

Sudeten German Military Organization Revealed

London, Mar. 23.

According to reliable reports received from Prague, a "Czechoslovakian Brigade" modelled on the lines of the Nazi "Austrian Legion" is at present being formed by the radical elements of the German Sudeten Party of Dr. Konrad Henlein.

It is understood that volunteers belonging to the "Czechoslovakian Brigade" receive military training in Germany, after which they return separately to Czechoslovakia where they then form groups of three, each being incorporated into squads which in turn are linked with larger units.

According to these reports from Prague, the brigade will endeavour to raise disturbances to justify German intervention "to protect the German minority" if autonomy is not granted the Sudeten Party despite pressure from the Reich.—Havas.

Germans Leave Cabinet

Prague, Mar. 24.

The resignation of another German Minister in the Czechoslovakian Cabinet is now imminent.

After the representative of the German Agrarian Party, Dr. Franz Spina, had left the Cabinet and all deputies of his party had joined the Sudeten German Party of Dr. Konrad Henlein, the German Christian Socialists, the Catholic Party, also decided to withdraw their representative, M. E. Zajicek, from the Cabinet. Only the representative of the German Social Democrats, Herr Ludwig Czech, will remain in the Cabinet.

The German Social Party, another small German party, has decided on its dissolution and has recommended its members to join the Sudeten German Party. The Christian Social Party has, however, for the time being decided to remain on its own.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. 15th Infantry Get Rousing Welcome

Quarter Century Tour of Duty in Tientsin Ended

Tacoma, Mar. 23.

The United States transport Grant bearing the Fifteenth Infantry from Tientsin was greeted here to-day by gaily bedecked pleasure craft, a symphony of ship and factory whistles.

Thousands of persons jammed the pier while aeroplanes and blimps circled overhead in honour of the returning troops who will be stationed permanently in Fort Lewis after a quarter of a century at Tientsin.

Among the official welcoming party were the Governor, Mr. Clarence D. Martin; Brig.-Gen. Thomas E. Merrill and other civic dignitaries. The troops will disembark at 8 a.m. tomorrow.—United Press.

Robber Shows Bomb

Three armed robberies were committed in the Settlement last night. A man displayed a bomb of the potato-masher type after entering a watch shop at 351 Foochow Road at 6.50 p.m. and decamped with a number of watches, the value of which could not be ascertained last night. At 8.15 p.m., five men, four of whom were armed with pistols, robbed the Tien Yeu Rice Shop, 736 Newchwang Road, of $11 and escaped. Five minutes after, a house at 676 Sinza Road was invaded by three men, two armed, who stole $43 worth of property.

Emergency Bill Passed

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

The National General Mobilization Bill was passed by the House of Peers at a plenary session this afternoon.—Domei.

Gestapo Unearth Plot Against Nazis

46 Adherents of "Freedom Party" Held for Treason

Berlin, Mar. 24.

The German Secret Police have succeeded in tracking down the organizers of the German Freedom Party following months of efforts to discover the authors of mysterious wireless messages and pamphlets urging the people to overthrow the Nazis.

It is reliably learned that 46 men and women have been arrested. They belong to all classes, and include two editors, a former Reichstag deputy, and some civil servants.

All the arrested persons now await trial before the dreaded People's Court on a charge of high treason.—Reuter.

Japanese Community's Affairs Discussed

J.R.C. Budget, Expenses of Clinic Reviewed

Residents of Shanghai's Japanese community yesterday met in an annual conference to discuss the community's affairs and to elect new officials.

The session was opened with a minute of silence in tribute to men killed in the current hostilities. The agenda of the meeting included:

1. Debate on the $742,990 budget of the Japanese Residents' Corporation;
2. Approval of appropriations for the clinic operated by the Corporation;
3. Debate on the proposed revision in the Corporation's regulations;
4. Election of 34 members of the Corporation's Council and audit committee.

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Britons Advised to Leave Austria

Nazi Officials Reported to Be Somewhat Brusque

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 24.

British subjects in Austria are being advised by British Consular officials to leave the country for the time being unless business and other ties necessitate their presence.

This follows reports that some visitors in Austria have encountered certain brusqueness from Austrian Nazi officials.

Matters are now improving, but people in London, consulting the authorities in regard to tours in Austria, are being advised to select another holiday venue.—Reuter.

Vienna Dementi

Vienna, Mar. 24.

Rumours that the whole Schuschnigg Cabinet except the Secretary of State, Dr. Guido Zernatto, who fled to Prague, had been arrested, were investigated most carefully by a Trans-Ocean representative who had access to the official lists of those now under arrest.

The Transocean representative established that the ex-Chancellor, Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, is living at his own apartment under supervision; his Minister for Agriculture, Herr Mandorfer, is at liberty; the minister of Justice, Dr. Adamovitch, is at liberty; the Defence Minister, Gen. Zehner, is at liberty; the Foreign Minister, Dr. Guido Schmidt is in Berlin; the Minister for Social Legislation, Dr. Resch, is at liberty, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Huelgerth, is at liberty; Minister for Education, Dr. Perntner, is under house arrest, and Secretary of State and chief of police, Herr Skubl, is under house arrest, but both Herren Perntner and Skubl are not subjected to any restrictions whatever.

The remaining members of the last Schuschnigg Cabinet, Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Herr Neumayer and Herr von Glaise-Horstenau, belong to the present Austrian provincial government.

The only two who are really under arrest are the Secretaries of State, Herren Rott and Watzek, who together with the ex-Burgomaster of Vienna, Dr. Schmitz, who is also under arrest, are charged with having intended to set up a Front Populaire dictatorship. Until these charges have been investigated, the three persons remain in protective custody.

They Ex-President, Dr. Wilhelm Miklas, is also at liberty but his apartment is under supervision. His thirteen children who are mostly in civil service positions, are at their posts. One son is a police official and is performing his usual duties.

Measures Taken

Extensive measures taken by the National Socialist authorities to consolidate Greater Germany are indicated by the action of the Regional Leader, Herr Joseph Buerckel, yesterday in sending 100 former functionaries of the Austrian Trade Unions to the Saar to study methods employed there.

Private Viennese theatres which have been struggling against great odds during the past years have received a sum of 30,000 Austrian Schillings from Reich Minister of Propaganda, Dr. Joseph Goebbels.

German soldiers, in gratitude for the hospitality they enjoyed while in Austria, tried to return this by setting up a field kitchen on the Thalerhof aerodrome yesterday for serving hot meals to the inhabitants of the surrounding districts.

Freud Not Under Arrest

Contrary to reports ranging from arrest to suicide, the famous Jewish psychoanalyst Dr. Siegmund Freud, is in his Vienna home unmolested, it was learned yesterday by a special Transocean representative who visited Dr. Freud.

It was previously declared at the police headquarters that there were no grounds for taking any action against Dr. Freud and no future steps were planned.

Dr. Freud's daughter declared that the family had suffered from visits and calls from all parts of the world as a result of rumours circulated.

Dr. Freud is free to go where he chooses without molestation or shadowing.—Trans-Ocean.

Germans in Palestine

London, Mar. 24.

Between January, 1933, and December, 1937, no fewer than 32,500 German Jews had emigrated to Palestine, stated the Colonial Secretary, Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, in the House of Commons yesterday in answer to a private member's question.—Trans-Ocean.

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Rain Halts Search for Lieut. Peacocke

Japanese Guides Assist British Authorities

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

Heavy rain, yesterday, followed by a dense fog, halted the search to-day for Lieut. T. A. Peacocke, who disappeared in the thickly wooded Shiga Kogen region, Nagano Prefecture, in mid-January.

The search parties of Japanese gendarmes, mountain guides and officials of the British Embassy in Tokyo, concentrated their attention on Mt. Yokote and the Yamada Pass, both of which are well known skiing grounds.

Members of the party believed their difficult task will be made easier when the rains wash the snow into the valleys below.

Lieut. Peacoke, of 31st Heavy Battery in Singapore, arrived in Tokyo on January 14. Five days later he left the hotel, telling the clerk that he was going to Nikko for a month of skiing. He was later traced to the Kanaa Hotel, in Niyyo, where he left after a two-day visit, saying that he was going to Shika Kogen.

His disappearance was discovered when the British Embassy received a notification from Singapore that the officer was overstaying his leave of absence.—Domei.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THEIR Majesties the King and Queen will visit Aldershot on April 12.

MRS. Dumbarton and Noreen returned to Shanghai by the ss. Empress of Japan and are staying at the Cathay Mansions.

THE American Consulate General at Shanghai will appreciate the receipt of information as to the present whereabouts of Emmett Robert Flaherty, seaman, last heard from in Shanghai about five years ago.

RECRUITING for all arms of the regular Army continues to be brisk throughout England. The intake last week numbered 679, an increase of 277, compared with the corresponding period last year.

THE baptism of the Royal Netherlands princess, Beatrice, will take place on May 12 in the principal church of The Hague, it was announced here the ceremony will be followed by elaborate festivities in the Royal Palace.

THE King's Daughters' Convalescent Home would be glad to receive any old school blazers. These can be sent to the room of the King's Daughters' Society, 233 Grosvenor Gardens, or will be collected by Mrs. A. C. Nash, Tel. 21884.

THE 19th anniversary of the founding of the Italian Fascist party was celebrated throughout Italy on March 23, the principal event being a mass assembly of blackshirts in front of the Palazzo Venezia in order to hear a short address by Sig. Mussolini.

ALL is quiet and orderly in Tungkwan, the key city to Shensi province, states a report to the "Hwa Mei Pao," and many people, who evacuated the city for neighbouring districts some time ago, have returned to their homes.

THE President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, Dr. H. H. Kung, has sent a representative on a secret mission to Shanghai to uphold the position of Chinese currency here, the "Hwa Mei Pao" learns from reliable local banking circles.

THE department of reconstruction in the Yunnan Provincial Government recently opened a station for the Improvement of Cattle Stock, says a message to the "Sin Wan Pao." The station, of which Mr. Wang Kuo-yu is Director, has already started its operations.

THE Japanese and their Chinese agents have begun to collect cotton crops in Pootung and Nantungchow, says a report to the "Hwa Mei Pao." In Pootung, it is reported, a party of pacification officers are gathering the crop at Chowpu, Kaomiao and along the Shanchuan Light Railway.

VARIOUS circles in Chungking have decided to hold a service of mourning on March 29 for the late Szechuenese divisional commander, Lieutenant-General Wang Ming-chang, who recently fell in action in defending Tenghsien, South Shantung, says a dispatch to the "Standard."

PUBLIC opinion in Sikang province is strong for resistance against Japan, according to an influential member of the Mongolian-Tibetan Affairs Commission, Mr. Koh-Sun-Tseh-Jen, who has arrived in Kweiyang from Sikang on his way to Hankow to interview the Central authorities, says a wire to the "China Daily News."

QUEEN Mary is making a private visit to the Cardiff neighbourhood early in April. During her four days' stay she will find time to see something of the social work in the district done by the National Council of Social Service and the Personal League, of which Her Majesty is herself patron.

THE Kwangtung Provincial Defence Bond Subscription Committee has decided to launch a publicity week, from March 28 to April 3, states a message to the "Hwa Mei Pao." The main thoroughfares in Canton have already been placarded with mammoth cartoons and posters, urging the people to subscribe to the bonds.

MARCH 23 being the 16th anniversary of the death of the Cantonese revolutionary martyr, General Teng Chung-yuan, various circles in Canton held a memorial service for the late leader before his tomb, states a dispatch to the "Sin Wan Pao." General Yu Han-mou, Pacification Commissioner for Kwangtung province, was present at the service.

HAVAS learns from reliable sources in Washington that President Roosevelt will visit Mexico next summer and will meet the Mexican President, Gen. Lagaro Cardenas, thus displaying American desire for Mexican friendship. The President will also make a fishing trip along the Mexican coast either before or after his visit to the Mexican President.

MR. Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, who is visiting England, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace on morning of March 22. Mr. Hoover remained with the King for about half an hour. Another visitor received by His Majesty was Mr. C. M. Palairet, the British Minister in Vienna, who returned recently from Austria.

TEN prominent citizens in Yunan-fu have started a movement for the organization, with private funds, of a volunteer corps, says a message to the "Life Daily News." The corps, which will consist of 2,000 men, will be placed at the command of the highest military authorities of the land and regulations governing the organization, which have been drafted by the sponsors, are now being studied by the provincial administration.

RADIO-telephone service between Tokyo and Honolulu will be formally inaugurated to-morrow, the Japanese Ministry of Communications has announced. The opening ceremony today at noon will include exchange of greetings between Mr. Joseph C. Grew, American Ambassador to Tokyo, and Mr. Joseph B. Poindexter, Governor-General of Hawaii, and between Mr. Seijiro Yoshizawa and Mr. Kosaku Mizusawa, respectively Director of the Gaimusho's American Affairs Bureau and Consul-General in Honolulu.

Scharnhorst Sails At 3 p.m., To-day

Naldera Will Leave from Shanghai on March 29; Conte Rosso Same Day

The N.D.L. ss. Scharnhorst arrived from Kobe on Tuesday afternoon and is to leave Shanghai to-day at 3 p.m. for Genoa, Southampton, Rotterdam, Bremen, and Hamburg, via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Colombo, and Port Said. The tender conveying the passengers on board leaves the Customs Jetty at 1 p.m. The P. & O. ss. Naldera is expected by its local agents, Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., to leave this port on March 29, for Colombo Cochin, Aden, Port Sudan, Port Said, Malta, Marseilles, Gibraltar, and London. The passengers are to be on the Customs Jetty by 1 p.m. The tender conveying them will not accept any heavy luggage, which will be received between 2 and 3 p.m. on March 28, by the lighter at the Customs Jetty. Customs permits are required for all nailed cases.

The Lloyd Triestino ss. Conte Rosso is due here on March 28, and leaves on March 30 at 4 p.m. for Trieste, via Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Massowah, Port Said, Brindisi, and Venice. The mv. Peter Maersk, for which Messrs. Melchers & Co. are the local agents, will load here on April 1, to said for Los Angeles, New York, and Boston, via Panama and Atlantic ports.

Sphinx's Return

The M.M. ss. Sphinx which left yesterday at 2 p.m. for Kobe, will be back in Shanghai on March 30 on its return journey to Europe. A day later, on March 31, the mv. Oldenburg of the Hamburg Amerika Line is due to arrive from Europe via Singapore and Hongkong. The mv. Shantung of the Swedish East Asiatic Co., is loading on March 31 and April 1, and will sail for Tripoli, Algiers, Oran, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Oslo, and Gottengurg. Two Blue Funnel liners are on their way here from Liverpool. They are the ss. Eumaeus and the ss. Sarpedon, which are expected in Shanghai on March 31 and April 1 respectively.

Among the passengers who arrived here on Tuesday in the N.D.L. ss. Scharnhorst were: Mr. R. T. Bremer, Mr. John F. Born, Mr. Max Rubens, Mr. Ed. G. Williams, Mr. Las. W. Fraser, Frau Ede, Herr Hesse, and Madame du Pac de Marsoulies. Baron and Baroness Guillia, accompanied by their two daughters, have arrived from Chinwangtao aboard ss. Johanne Justessen. Two other arrivals from Chingwangta yesterday were Mr. J. O. Emkson, and Mr. N. C. Kong, in the mv. Marion Moller. According to information received from Messrs. Geo. L. Shaw, their mv. Shinai berthed at Mackenzie Co.'s Pootung wharf yesterday at 4 p.m. This vessel is to sail for Foochow on March 27 in the morning.

Salvation Army Appeal

The Salvation Army Fund yesterday stood at $27,014.74 and £5. Less than $3,000 is needed in order to make the campaign for $30,000 successful, it was pointed out by Brigadier B. Morris, commanding officer and director of the campaign.

Confident that the sum needed will be forthcoming, Brigadier Morris was enthusiastic in his praise of the prompt generosity of the people of Shanghai. The present campaign, it was stated, if successful by the end of the current week, will have been the shortest ever conducted here.

The 4th United States Marines yesterday responded in a liberal manner to the appeal of the Army, the personnel of the regiment donating $772 and the 4th Marines Church $228.

It was explained yesterday by Major Colin K. Begley, second in command here, that inadvertently a list of donors was not acknowledged on March 18, the list including a donation of $100 from the Mary Farnham Girls' School, the pupils of which donated one cent per day each until $100 had been raised.

Donations

Staff, The Asiatic Petroleum Co. (N.C.), Ltd.	$ 314.00
The Sun Co. (Shanghai), Ltd.	300.00
Staff, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	205.00
The Bank of China	150.00
H. B. Roe	100.00
Mary Farnham Girls School	100.00
The China Import & Export Lumber Co., Ltd.	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. Fischer	100.00
The International Assurance Co., Ltd.	50.00
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Anonymous	4.02
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The China Weekly Review	25.00
L. J. Davies	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Hay	20.00
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Anonymous	2.00
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Mr. W. M. Mandeville

Hero of Tachienlu Dies in U.S.

Adventurous American Was Well-Known in Shanghai; Tibetan Explorer

Woodruff M. Mandeville, adventurous 26-year-old American who was well-known in Shanghai and a hero of the first magnitude at Tachienlu, Tibet, died on February 24 at Mt. Olive, California of tuberculosis.

It will be re-called that Mr. Mandeville, who always had a keen taste for adventure, rose to unprecedented heights of heroism as far as Tachienlu was concerned in the spring of 1934 when he went to that town from Shanghai.

A thrilling story reached this city of how the youthful traveller had, almost singlehanded, fought and extinguished a fire in a 300-year-old lamasery which had threatened to sweep over the entire town.

It seems that early one morning the populace was horrified to find the Ngachos lamasery, a mass of flames. The hundreds who crowded the streets were practically paralyzed by the sight and did little but stand and stare.

Water-Bucket Team

At this juncture, the young American arrived on the scene, immediately took control of the situation and organized a water-bucket team. As the populace stared in wide-eyed wonder, the youth climbed nimbly to the roof of an adjacent building and had his team supply him with water to hurl on the rising flames. When his team grew slack, he drew his pistol and fired, which impressed the men sufficiently with the importance of their work to result in Mandeville getting more than enough water.

Sometimes the American's beard would be singed and sometimes his clothes would catch fire as he nearly went up in smoke himself. But eventually the crowd saw what one young foreigner could do to save Tachienlu from disaster.

Immediately the fire was extinguished, Mr. Mandeville returned to his work at the power plant where he was putting the dynamo in order. But the much-impressed town decided to give him a public feast and present him with a medal. People all over the city sang his praises. Later a deputation of military, civil and commercial authorities on the border tendered their thanks to the hero of the hour.

Comes as Shock

An interesting aspect of the situation was that Dorje Geshe had always been strongly and bitterly opposed to foreigners and always boasted that they had nothing to offer him in enlightenment or salvation. It therefore came to him as somewhat of a shock when he heard that a young American, only a few days in Tachienlu, risked his life to save his temple and the city from disaster.

Mr. Mandeville was particularly well-known among the younger athletic group in Shanghai. Having contracted tuberculosis he was forced to return to the United States two years ago.

Many Japanese Here in Shanghai Maru

Politician and Scientist On Visit to Shanghai

A distinguished human cargo, including a consul, a parliamentarian, a scientist, and Japan's leading industrialists, was brought here on Wednesday by the Shanghai Maru.

Among the passengers was Mr. Sakutaro Kato, assigned to duty here as Japanese judicial consul. The arriving politician and scientist were Mr. Reikichi Kita, a member of the Lower House, and Mr. Futotada Uyeno, of the Shanghai Science Institute.

The industrialists were: Mr. Koshiro Shiba and Mr. Tatsuzo Itoh, respectively chairman of the board of directors and managing director of the vast Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Company; Mr. Shunji Katsuta, manager of the Naigai Wata Kaisha; and Mr. Shinjiro Okumura, President of the Oriental Machinery Trading Company.

777 Chinese Aeroplanes Downed, Say Japanese

Tokyo Naval Office Makes Figures Public

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

For every Japanese plane destroyed in the current hostilities, ten Chinese machines were shot down or bombed on the ground, the Navy Office today stated.

Since the start of hostilities in Central China up to March 22, a naval communiqué claimed, 777 Chinese aircraft were destroyed. Of these, 339 were said to have been shot down in combat or by Japanese anti-aircraft guns and 438 were bombed on Chinese airfields.

Japanese losses in the same period of time were put by the communiqué at 78 machines.—Domei.

New Commissioner Congratulated

Major K. M. Bourne's War And Police Records; Very Popular in Police Force

Major Kenneth Morison Bourne was the recipient of congratulatory messages from his numerous friends yesterday on his appointment to the post of Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

The new police head, who is now in charge of the Special Branch of the force, will formally assume the post on May 29 in succession to Mr. F. W. Gerrard, who retires one day earlier.

Courteous and unassuming, Major Bourne has been considered one of the most popular officers of the force. While his alertness and quick grasp of things has enabled him to discharge his duties efficiently, he is always able to give attention to matters which may be brought to him during the course of the day. Despite his high position, he is known for his accessibility.

A Sportsman

Interested in sports, Major Bourne plays tennis and golf and enjoys swimming and gardening. He is a member of the Country Club, Hungjao Golf Club and the Junior Army and Navy Club (London).

Born on November 1, 1893, in Hongkong, Major Bourne comes from a well-known family. He is son of Sir Frederick Bourne, C.M.G., H.B.M. Consular Service and Assistant Judge H.B.M. Supreme Court for China, and Lady Bourne, née Isobel Alice Chalmers.

The new police head received his early education at Clifton College and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He was gazetted to the South Lancashire Regiment in 1913, from which he later resigned.

Before arriving in Shanghai in June 1914, Major Bourne first took an instructional course, as Cadet of the Shanghai Municipal Police, at the Royal Irish Constabulary Depot, Dublin and in Belfast and he was qualified in the requisite examinations.

His War Record

When the World War broke out, Major Bourne rejoined the 2nd Battalion, South Lancashire Regiment in November, 1914, and served in France from May 1915 to November 12, 1918. Among the awards accorded him were: Military Cross and Bar; Belgian Croix de Guerre; Mentioned in Despatches; 1915 Medal; Chinese Navy, Army and Air Force Medal, 1st Class; Shanghai Municipal Police Long Service Medal.

While posted to Regular Army Reserve of Officers, he as 2nd Assistant Commissioner, rejoined the Shanghai Municipal Police in 1919, and was posted to, and later had charge of, the Chinese Branch as Assistant Commissioner. He became Deputy Commissioner on January 1, 1930. Among the posts he has held in the force are: in charge of Divisions, 1931; D.C. (Crime Branch) 1932-1935; Acting Commissioner of Police during 1935-1936; D. C. (Special Branch) 1936-1937. He was acting Commissioner from July 10 to October 8 in 1937 and thereafter he was in charge of D.C. (Special Branch).

Major Bourne resigned from Reserve of Officers in May, 1935, on taking temporary charge of the force.

Laoshan Stays Peaceful Throughout Crisis

Pei Chui Shui Escapes from Tsingtao Tension

Peace and quiet prevailed in Laoshan while the nearby Tsingtao was in the throes of tension and rocked by numerous alarms, awaiting its occupation by the Japanese forces, according to a letter received yesterday.

Several foreigners including Mr. T. H. R. Porter and Capt. A. M. Kotenev, had stayed all throughout the troubles at the Pei Chui Shui district of Laoshan, where they organized village patrols as a precautionary measure against possible looting. However, thanks to the fact that this place is off the beaten track of the military—as the road there ends at a waterfall,—nothing untoward was reported in that locality.

Owing to the great scarcity of coal, firewood was in great demand and fetched enormous prices in Tsingtao. As a result, most of the trees found between Lui Shu Tai (Laoshan Hotel and Macklenberg House) and the city, were cut down and sold for fuel. The wood of Pei Chui Shui (waterfall) escaped this fate, thanks to the vigilance of the volunteer village patrols, who not only succeeded in persuading the villagers to take a long view, but even mobilized them in order to repel neighbouring villagers who were trying to cut down trees in their district. With the arrival of Chinese police, normal conditions in Laoshan were restored.

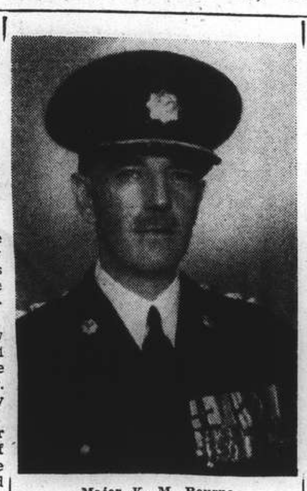
FUNERAL

Mr. Otto Schoch

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Lokawei Cemetery for the late Mr. Otto Schoch, late manager of the Brunswick Showrooms on Avenue Joffre. Mr. Schoch died last Thursday after a short illness. Before the World War the late Mr. Schoch was a very well known importer and exporter in Indo-China. He was born in Switzerland on October 10, 1879, and the Swiss Community was represented by Mr. E. de Graffenreid, Acting Consul-General for Switzerland and Mr. J. Piffaretti, Vice-Consul for Switzerland. The services were conducted by the Rev. E. Krueger of the German Lutheran Church. Among those sending flowers were:—

Consulat General de Suisse; "Helvetia;" Swiss Club; A. B. C. Press; J. H. Trachsler Ltd.; Mr. Egbert de Graffenreid; Mr. J. Piffaretti; William Schilling; Werner and Lilly Droesse; Mr. and Mrs. W. Nufer; Hermann Opalinsky; Mrs. Christine Moores and Mr. A. R. Moores; Mr. and Mrs. W. Bolliger; J. H. Leon; O. and B. Scharpf; Mr. and Mrs. F. Wiedermann; Herr E. Guenter und Frau; Tom; Dolores Sang; T. C. Woo; and others.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the International Funeral Directors.



Major K. M. Bourne
New Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

China Trade Act Case Adjourned

Judgment Reserved in Action Against Tobacco Firm

Judgment was reserved by Judge Milton J. Helmick in the U.S. Court for China yesterday in the suit by Mr. Leighton Shields, District Attorney, for the revocation of the certificate of Karatzas Brothers, Federal Inc., U.S.A., a tobacco firm in Tientsin.

The proceedings were instituted at the request of Miss A. Viola Smith, Registrar of the China Trade Act, it being alleged that the affairs of the defendant corporation have been and are conducted contrary to the provisions of the Act and contrary to the charter and bylaws of the corporation.

Mr. George D. Happer and Mr. Roy G. Allman, officers and directors of the firm, were summoned to Court to show cause why the certificate of incorporation of the defendant firm should not be revoked. Among other witnesses who appeared in Court included Mr. S. C. Canallakis, a Greek subject, and his brother, Mr. M. C. Canallakis.

Mr. N. F. Allman appeared for the defence, while Mr. A. R. Morrison of Tientsin, appeared for Mr. M. C. Canallakis, an intervenor in the case, who asks for the appointment of a trustee.

Chinese Soloist Sings At Marines' Church

An Interesting Programme For Sunday's Service

The Fourth United States Marines has secured for its concert, held in the Grand Theatre next Sunday morning, one of Shanghai's leading prima donnas, Mrs. Mary Waung, soprano. There has been so much said as to her ability to sing by the public of Shanghai that it seems unnecessary to say anything more. Mrs. Waung will sing two beautiful numbers, with band accompaniment, "Was This The Man", a recitative and aria from "La Traviata" by Verdi, and Arditi's "Parla." Band numbers in the concert, under the direction of Bandmaster Leon Freda, will include Liszt's Rhapsody "Hungarian No. 1" and a selection from Romberg's "Desert Song." The concert programme will conclude with the band's rendition of the popular Marines' Hymn and the American National Anthem.

In the church service which preceedes the concert, Chaplain Frank R. Hamilton, of the Fourth Marines, will conduct the service and deliver the sermon on the subject, "From Fear To Courage." An added feature in the service is an instrumental quartet, "Sextet from Lucia" by Donizetti, rendered by Staff Sergeant Stuart, Sergeant Barton, Privates First Class Young and West. Band selections in the service, under the direction of Master Technical Sergeant James T. Tichacek, will include the prelude, "The Chimes Reverei" by Armstrong, and Von Blon's "Vision" for the offertory. Mr. Willis Hathaway of the Navy Y.M.C.A. staff leads the singing of the hymns, with the band furnishing the music.

Children Graduate

Completing their basic education, 101 boys and girls will graduate from the Japanese Central Primary School, Range Road, on March 27, the "Shanghai Nippo" reported yesterday.

Of the youthful graduates, 36 boys will enter the local Japanese Commercial School; 46 girls will study at the Japanese Girls' High School; and one girl will enter a foreign school.

60th Suspect Arrested by Central Police

Round-Up of Remnants of Big Gang Continued

The 60th suspect of one of the biggest armed gangs rounded up in Shanghai fell into police hands yesterday when detectives of Central Station, who have been relentlessly chasing after the remnants of the gang, spotted him in the street.

When the trail of the wanted man was first started about two months ago, he was described to be well dressed. Arrested yesterday, the suspect was bare-footed and had very little clothing. He was reported to have escaped to Ningpo and Shaoshing, returning to Shanghai recently.

The operations launched by Detective Inspector A. Telfer and Detective Sub-Inspector J. J. Ross, are now being personally directed by Superintendent A. H. Aiers, Divisional Detective Officer.

Kailan Mining to Sell Coal to Japanese

Mr. E. J. Nathan Repudiates Sale of British Rights

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

A report appearing in the Tokyo daily, the "Industrial Daily News," that he was at present in Tokyo to negotiate the sale of coal to the Japan Steel Trust and also the sale of the British interests in the Kailan Mining Administration to Japan, was refuted to-day by Mr. E. J. Nathan, general manager of the company.

Speaking as Far Eastern Agent of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Mr. Nathan, in an interview with Reuter, denied that he had any intention to dispose of, in any manner, the rights of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company in the K.M.A. The purpose of his visit, he said, was to find ways and means of fulfilling his desire to assist Japanese industry by coal supplies.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Mr. Nathan added, would continue to rely on the protection of the British Government. He then repeated the assurances of the Japanese Government to respect British rights throughout China.—Reuter.

International Red Cross

The Shanghai International Red Cross at 505 Honan Road wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations March 22 to 24 inclusive, given in memory of the late Mrs. Li Ming:

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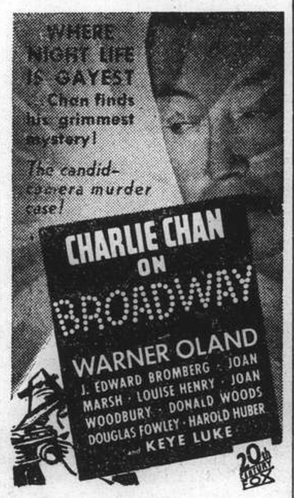
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THE SPORTS PAGE

Grand National Will Be Run To-day

Blue Shirt and Royal Mail Now Favourites At Liverpool's Classic 'Chase; Unusually Open Race is Foreseen

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 24.

THE European crisis and the shortage of ready cash do not seem to be having any effect on the Grand National, which will be run at Aintree to-morrow over four miles and 856 yards. Race goers are coming from all over the world to see the year's most thrilling horse race.

One railway company is running 52 race specials from London, Swansea, Edinburgh and elsewhere. Many persons are travelling by air in more than 20 air liners, some of them from the Continent.

It is expected that shipping companies are also making special arrangements. The Ile de France is making a special stop at Plymouth while the Duchess of York is delaying her sailing for Canada.

Since marvelous spring weather prevails at present, it will not be unusual if the spectators number a quarter of a million.

There are nine women owners who are hoping to be successful this year. Among them is Mrs. Evans, the former famous actress, Camille Clifford, who recently purchased Royal Mail.

There is also a lot of small money on the Duchess of Norfolk's Hurdy Gurdy Man, who has taken the fancy of small betters.

No risk is being taken on the favourite Blue Shirt, who is being closely guarded until the race. The going is likely to be very firm.

Royal Mail Will Start

Royal Mail, last year's winner, has now been declared a certain starter and he is one of the favourites for the race. Trained by Ivor Anthony, he was to have been ridden by his owner, Mr. Hugh Lloyd Thomas, who was killed in a riding accident at Derby.

As a result, there was considerable uncertainty as to whether Royal Mail would run in the National. This doubt was removed following a consultation between the stable and the relatives of the late owner.

The horse will be ridden again by E. Williams, who won the race on him a year ago.

Royal Mail is the only previous winner of the race who will run this year, and he will have the opportunity of duplicating Reynoldstown's feat of winning in successive years.

The latest call-over is as follows:

100-12 Blue Shirt.
10-1 Royal Mail, taken and offered
100-8 Cooleen offered, 100-7 taken
15-1 De La Chance offered, 16-1 taken
100-6 Takvor Pacha offered, 18-1 taken
18-1 Dunhill Castle offered, 20-1 taken
20-1 Stalbridge Park and Royal Danieli offered
25-1 Airgead Sios and Dominick's Cross, taken and offered
25-1 Workman offered
28-1 Rockquilla, Provocative and Red Knight
33-1 Bachelor Prince, Lough Cottage and Inversible, taken and offered
40-1 Brighter Cottage and Batttleship offered, 50-1 taken.

Eight horses which ran last year are still in the National field, including Royal Mail and Cooleen, who filled the first two places, and Dawmar and Drim, who spent their time at Aintree last March in preventing other horses from filling places.

The others are De la chance, Didoric, Pencraik, and Emancipator. De la chance would probably have been this year's National favourite had he not been beaten rather surprisingly in a three miles and a quarter steeplechase at Gatwick late last month by the young horse Red Freeman.

This seven-years-old, owned by Mr. W. U. Goodbody, jumped impeccably at Gatwick and stayed on easily to beat such a great pair as De la chance and Drinmore Lad. He is a certain starter for the National.

As a matter of fact, many racing people are convinced that this will be a young horse's year to win the National. A seven-year-old, Blue Shirt, has been made favourite for the race on his brilliant showing so far this season.

Though he has never faced the Aintree fences, he is a clean jumper, and in knowledgeable quarters there is a feeling that perhaps the experience fetish for the National has been overrated.

Fancied Horses

Among the fancied young horses are Airgead Sios, an eight-years-old Irish horse, Dunhill Castle, Pontet, Prominent Lad, Red Freeman, Royal Danieli, Stalbridge Park, Takvor Pacha, and Workman.

Airgead Sios is a grand jumper and winner of the Becher 'Chase at the Aintree course, and he has been winning races everywhere this season. It was thought that his connections might save him for a later National because of his youth, but Airgead Sios is to run.

Royal Danieli, Pontet and Workman are three other young horses to represent Ireland in the race. The first named is only seven-years-old. Carrying 12 st. 7 lb., he won over 3½ miles at Manchester.

Pontet, an eight-year-old, who won the Irish Grand National, has excellent prospects in the race, having run well over English park courses.

Workman is said to be a great jumper in Ireland and is thought to have a good outside chance in the National, although he fell in the Liverpool Grand Sefton 'Chase in November.

Ireland's other representative, Cooleen, was very unlucky at Aintree last year, running second to Royal Mail after having been twice savaged by Dawmar.

She has done nothing startling this season, but as she is being specially trained for Liverpool, her performance over other courses can be practically ignored.

Liverpool Horse

She is in the same stable as Bachelor Prince and is the better fancied of the pair, though Bachelor Prince proved himself a Liverpool horse when he finished third to Reynoldstown and Ego in 1936.

One of the most interesting horses in the race is the French entry, Takvor Pacha. He is only six years old and while not on the imposing lines of National winners, many think that he may emulate the performance of his fellow-Frenchman, Lutteur III, and win the National. There is a lot of quiet confidence in Takvor Pacha.

He was narrowly beaten by Drinmore Lad at Newbury, but in the National the invader has a big pull in the weights.

Against Takvor Pacha, it is argued that his rider, A. Kalley, has never been over Aintree, but there have been plenty of jockeys who have won the great race the first time out.

As an amateur, Jack Anthony, when only 20 and with practically no experience of big race riding, rode Glonside first past the post.

George Parfrement, on Lutteur III, Bryan Bletsoe on Rubio, General D. G. Campbell, when a subaltern, on The Soarer, all won the first time over the course and there have been many other cases.

A typical Liverpool horse is Inversible, winner of the Grand Sefton 'Chase, and the hope of Scotland. He finished fifth to Reynoldstown two years ago, and is in the race this year with 10 st. 10 lb. The information about Inversible is that he will take a lot of beating.

Probably one of the most promising 'long shots' for the race in the hunter Hopeful Hero. He won a good race at Sandown and is being well supported by the hunting fraternity.

Dunhill Castle, an eight year-old, is one of the latest horses to come into the National picture. His backers were highly elated over his victory over that good horse Kellsboro Jack at Newbury, when he carried 10 st. 13 lb. which is 1 lb. more than he will carry in the National.

Sir Warden Chilcot's gelding has won four of his five races this season, and though some people find fault with his fencing, it remains a fact that he has proved superior, at the weights, to Didoric, who won a good race over 3½ miles at Birmingham this month, beating, among others, Pontet, Kellsboro Jack, Dawmar and Prominent Lad.

Fall From Grace

With the recent falling from grace of De la chance, the view that the Grand National will be confined to a select few this year needs revision. Not one of the horses already mentioned can be safely discarded.

Though there may be more than the usual number of forlorn hopes at Aintree this year, the comparative dearth of great performers means that anything may happen. And even though the field may, perhaps, lack some of the quality of other years, the race will not lack in thrills or interest.

The level quality of the competition to be expected in this year's race may be gathered from the fact that Blue Shirt, who some weeks ago was not even considered seriously, is now co-favourite with Royal Mail for the contest.

The winter season has been one of the most mild for years, and Grand National horses are tolerably forward for the most part, so that there should be no lack of fitness on the part of the competitors.

At present there are several horses in the race at long odds, and while it is the usual thing for the Grand National to be won by a fancied horse, it would be less surprising than usual if one of these 'long shots' came home.

It has been 98 years since the institution of this great race, and 'long shots' have figured lange in its history. But they provide the exception rather than the rule, and it is to the fancied horses that the victories have usually fallen.

Grand National Probables

The following are the probable starters, with their jockeys, for the Grand National, to be run at Aintree to-morrow over four miles and 856 yards:—

Royal Mail (Williams), Delachance (Moloney), What Have You (Magee), Frobisher (Captain Harding), Stalbridge Park (Wilson), Tapinois (Scratchley), Battleship (Hobbs), Provocative (Rimell), Rock Lad (Bissill), Didoric (Butchera), Emancipator (Mr. Gray), Rockquilla (Carey), Cabin Fire (Browne), Workman (Brogan), Prominent Lad (H. Jones), Airgead Sios (McNeill), Cooleen (Fawcus), Pontet (Parkinson), Royal Danieli (Moore), Dominick's Cross (Everett), Dunhill Castle (Nicholson), Inversible (Hogan), Takvor Pacha (Kalley), Dawmar (Burford), Lough Cottage (Black), Bachelor Prince (Morgan), Blue Prince (Parvin), Hopeful Hero (Dawes), Underbid (Pringle), Brighter Cottage (O'Grady), Blue Shirt (Smith), Hurdy Gurdy Man (Mr. Hislop), K.D.H. (Isaac), Red Knight II (Jones), Lazy Boots (Sir Geoffrey Congreve), Drim (Tighe).—Reuter.

Austrian Soccer Team No Longer Exists

Finalist Position Now Lost in World Championship

Berlin, Mar. 24.

The Austrian football team will no longer compete in world championship matches, it was announced here yesterday by the German sport authorities who point out that since the anschluss, all Austrian sport is organized in the Reich association for physical training.

Although the International Football Federation has not yet made any statement, it is taken for granted in football circles throughout Europe that Austria will not appear in the final. The Latvian Football Federation has made an application to be advanced to the finalist position formerly held by Austria since she occupied the third place in the tournament list.

It is believed that the F.I.F.A. will adjust the tournament problem in this manner so that the world championship match can be played.—Trans-Ocean.

Blue Shirt Wins at Windsor

Blue Shirt (D. Morgan up) which has tremendous backing in to-day's Grand National, is seen on the right of the picture winning the Fringford Handicap 'Chase from Alarmist (Butchers up) (centre) and Ballyfox which came in second.

Meise Retains His Badminton Title

Miss Eardley Defeats Mrs. Burton Then Helps to Win Women's Doubles

Before a good crowd of spectators the first evening's play of the Shanghai Badminton Association's programme for the finals of the championships took place yesterday at the French Club.

The play opened with an exhibition match between a C.S.F. marker and one from the Country Club. This game was a revelation of apparent ease of play and lack of effort. Although the Home marker won an easy victory as far as the score was concerned, the play was brimful of action which brought gasps of admiration from the assembly. One very noticeable feature was the absence of drives, the play consisting of superlatively clever placing. One can but envy the power and flexibility of the back-hand strokes which this couple produced. The result was a score of 15-5 and 15-3 in favour of the C.S.F.

Mr. Burton put up a disappointing show against Miss Eardley, losing in two straight setts II-I and II-I. The champion played a quiet, steady game and soon found Mrs. Burton's weakness: backhands. Apart from one or two rapid passages there was nothing remarkable about the encounter.

Full of Excitement

The following final to be played was the Men's Doubles, between Meise, the holder, and Kew, the former holding his title after three setts full of excitement. The closing scores were 14-17, 15-9 and 15.7.

Kew started a grilling game by consistently playing long, clearing drives on to his opponent's backhand and did not change his tactics a great deal during the course of the three setts. The score had reached 14-7 in Kew's favour before Meise found his feet and then, by a terrific struggle, he gradually crept up to the setting point of 14-all. During this period the service changed hands no less than twenty-five times, Kew being held from making the winning point. The points stood at 14-11 for 15 changes. At 14-all, Kew choose to 'sett' and, Meise losing the service, ran away with the next three points.

In the second sett, Kew held his own up to the 6-all mark when Meise gradually pulled ahead. The game slowed down somewhat at this stage and Kew's game became erratic although he played some very clever cross-court cut drives when the opportunity presented itself. Due to his agility, he was rarely called upon to use his back-hand, only once or twice being caught in such a position from which he extracted himself cleverly. With the score at 9-14, Kew fumbled a shot which gave Meise the service and the opportunity to run out.

Clever Net Play

In spite of both players showing the effects of the strenuous game they had played, the final sett was full of action and saw some exceedingly clever net play. Kew, however, was wilder, a number of his strokes falling wide of the side-lines, the game finishing, in fact, with a shot of this nature.

Mme des Courtils and Miss Eardley beat Mrs. Gresley and Miss Holwill in the Ladies' Doubles in two setts, 15-8 and 15-10. The most spectacular play was furnished by Mrs. Gresley but Miss Eardley put in very sound net and back-hand play.

At the commencement, the French Club couple muddled rather badly but later combined very well together. Mme des Courtils played a sound game with one or two lapses but gained a number of points by kills at the net and drop shots. Play was concentrated rather upon Miss Holwill who certainly did not let her partner down. In fact, she played a very sound game throughout.

To-night's Programme

This evening will furnish the most interesting matches of the season and it is difficult to foretell the results of any. The Whalley Shield final between Portugal de Senna, da Silva) and Australia Kew, Eardley) may possibly result in the former retaining the trophy. The championship finals are the Mixed Doubles, Meise and Mrs. Burton against Duff and Miss Eardley whilst in the Men's Doubles, Meise and Berents will meet Duff and Eardley.

Capt. G. E. T. Eyston, holder of the world land speed record of 312 miles an hour, plans to take his car, Thunderbolt, to America again this year in an attempt to beat his own record.

He made this announcement at a London luncheon given in his honour by the Royal Society of St. George.

Ice Hockey in Stanley Cup Series Begins

Last Minute Goals Scored In Furious Battles

New York, Mar. 23.

Last minute goals after furious battles marked the victories of the Americans and Canadiens as the Stanley Cup Ice Hockey play-off series opened to-day with tussles between the second and third ranking teams.

Featuring an uphill fight, the New York Americans swept to victory after two overtime periods against the favoured New York Rangers before a full house at Madison Square Garden, 2-1.

The favoured Montreal Canadiens pleased a hometown crowd by scoring a 6-4 win over the Chicago Black Hawks.

To Meet Again

The encounter between the Amerks and the Blueshirts was the first of the series of three tussles between the teams to have finished second in the recently completed National Hockey League. The Amerks finished second in the Canadian Division and the Rangers in the American class. They will meet again to-morrow night at the Madison Square Garden, home rink of both squads.

The Canadiens, who were edged out by the Amerks, will also meet the Black Hawks to-morrow in the second tilt of their series of three contests to see which of the two third teams will meet the ultimate victor of the second-team series.

Favoured to score an easy victory, the Flying Frenchmen of Montreal were held to a 4-4 deadlock by a stout-hearted, fast-moving Chicago squad for three quarters. But the Canadiens broke out their flying skates in the final period to send the puck in for two goals and victory.

The Americans and the Rangers, traditional rivals, fought a bitter battle marked by rough play and plenty of furious body-checking which also sent tempers soaring.

Extra Sessions

Tied, 1-1, at the conclusion of the tussle, the Rangers spurted in the first extra session but they failed to come through. The Amerks then rallied in the second extra period and just scored the necessary lone tally for an unexpected victory.

The Blueshirts were generally expected to win, although the Amerks had many backers because of their driving finish in recent weeks which placed them in the second berth of the Canadian loop.—United Press.

Bookies Gloomy as Phakos Wins

Esmond's Winner Backed Heavily with Well-fancied Grand National Horses

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London Mar. 24.

Gloom reigns among bookmakers as a result of the victory of Mr. Edward Esmond's Phakos, joint 8-1 favourite, yesterday in the Lincolnshire, the first big handicap of the season.

The winner is heavily backed with prominent Grand National horses, and if one of the latter wins they will lose millions of pounds.

Phakos finished three-quarters of a length ahead of Mr. Michalino's Zaimis, which in turn was a head in front of Lord Pender's Kyles of Minard.

Mr. Esmond is an internationally known sportsman, but was unable to be present to see his horse, the first favourite to win in 14 years, triumph

Favourite is Last

Allegiance, who was joint favourite with Phakos, finished last.

The luck of the draw again proved a deciding factor, as the first three all had high numbers and had positions near the stands.

Galsonia, one of the well fancied starters, was badly drawn next to the rails and finished sixth. He started at 100-8.—Reuter.

Wolverhampton Beaten

London, Mar. 24.

Wolverhampton, leaders in the English League, lost ground in the championship race yesterday when they succumbed to Middlesbrough at home. They lost by one goal to nil.

In the Third Division Southern Section, Aldershot lost to Brighton by the odd goal in three.

Kilmarnock and East Fife made no mistake in the fourth round replays of the Scottish Cup, the former defeating Ayr United by five goals to nil and East Fife eliminating Raith Rovers by 3-2.

In the First Division of Scottish League: Rangers beat Arbroath 3-1, Falkirk lost to St. Mirren 0-2, Motherwell beat St. Johnstone 3-1. —Reuter.

Shelaeff Explains Why He Quit

Russian Boxer Says Legs Were Paralyzed; Pleading For Return Bout

Manila, Mar. 23.

With his right hand tightly encased in plaster and bandages, Andre Shelaeff, former welterweight champion of the Orient, is advancing reasons for his retreat from Kid Vicente three weeks ago and pleading that he be given a return shot at the Cebu Caveman as soon as his hand is properly healed.

The information and request was contained in a letter delivered to the Sangle Brothers, leading local promoters, by Heinrich Seelig, pilot of the Russian fighter.

"Both my legs were paralyzed at the end of the seventh round," stated Shelaeff. "They felt stiff and brittle, and it was all I could do to walk without assistance to the dressing room. On top of that, my right hand had been hurt in the third round, and I could not use it at all.

"Could Have Continued"

"I could have continued, I suppose, now that I look back on the whole thing. But at the time all I knew was I could not get around on my legs and that even if I could I would not be able to use my right hand."

Sports writers, who have been bickering pro and con ever since the night of the battle, immediately pounced upon the Russian's statements, some of them pointing out that there was indeed excuse for Shelaeff's strange behaviour and others stating that it would have been better for the Russian, as a true champion, to have walked into one of Vicente's punches and ended the fight that way.

In principle, the latter method of ending the fight would have been lauded by the boxing public, but there can be no denying that in policy, Shelaeff did the wisest thing in refusing to continue, although it is difficult to condone his action in merely quitting without any word of explanation to his manager or the referee.

Letter Delivered

The letter was delivered by Mr. Seelig in company with an open challenge hurled at all Manila welterweights by Young Alde, redoubtable stablemate of the Harbin Wonder Boy.

Alde, since he went fifteen fast rounds to a decision with Shelaeff last November, has experienced untold difficulty in securing any opposition, practically all of the local welterweights showing a remarkable reluctance in meeting him.

Alde's only fight following his fifteen-rounder with Shelaeff was a ten round mix with Kid Vicente at Cebu, in which the present Oriental welter champion absorbed a convincing boxing lesson at the hands of the aged veteran, twice kissing the canvas in the process.

Alde is now engaged in a press campaign to force Vicente into a title bout with him, but as far as is known, the Cebu Caveman wants none of him at any time or place.

Worst Beating

Even if Vicente were willing, however, it is thought that there would be some difficulty about any fighter getting a chance at Vicente until Shelaeff has been given a chance to vindicate himself, a chance he already has stated he will utilize to the fullest extent by striving to give the Cebu Caveman the worst beating ever seen in a Manila ring.—United Press.

Canidrome Results

1.—440 yd. flat.—1, Pierce Arrow; 2, Snow Dale
A neck.—Time, 26.85.
Win, $18.90. Forecast (2-4) Div. $76.30.
2.—500 yd. flat.—1, Velocity; 2, Drummock Belle.
5 lengths.—Time, 30.79.
Win, $38.90. Forecast (6-1) Div. $587.20.
3.—500 yd. flat.—1, D.H. Arrow and Zingaro.
Dead heat.—Time, 31.11.
Win, D.H. $14.60 and $22.70. Forecast (1-3 and 3-1) Div. D.H. $71.20 and $94.60.
4.—500 yd. flat.—1, Mirette; 2, Outsider.
Short head.—Time, 30.69.
Win, $31.30. Forecast (4-5) Div. $130.00.
5.—500 yd. flat.—1, Peony; 2, Hattagee.
A neck.—Time, 30.61.
Win, $24.10. Forecast (5-3) Div. $106.40.
6.—500 yd. flat.—1, Triumph; 2, Advance Guard.
5 lengths.—Time, 30.34.
Win, $33.10. Forecast (3-4) Div. $200.40.
7.—500 yd. flat.—1, Queenie; 2, Movie Star.
5 lengths.—Time, 30.09.
Win, $18.70. Forecast (2-4) Div. $77.50.
8.—500 yd. flat.—1, Chop Fante; 2, Dolplime.
2½ lengths.—Time, 30.06.
Win, $24.80. Forecast (6-1) Div. $49.10.
9.—525 yd. flat.—1, Top Notcher; 2, Forward March.
5½ lengths.—Time, 31.38.
Win, $8.60. Forecast (4-1) Div. $57.70.
10.—525 yd. flat.—1, Ladybird II; 2, Mercedes.
Short head.—Time, 31.30.
Win, $44.20. Forecast (4-*) Div. $181.20.
11.—525 yd. flat.—1, Once More; 2, Jubilee Queen.
1 length.—Time, 31.18.
Win, $19.10. Forecast (1-3) Div. $172.10.
12.—525 yd. flat.—1, Creditor; 2, Great China.
2 lengths.—Time, 30.84.
Win, $22.30. Forecast (6-4) Div. $62.00.

Much Soccer Interest in Cup Semi-Finals

Preston Now Favoured to Finish as Winners

BY "SCRUTATOR"

The big feature of English football on Saturday will be the two semi-final ties, and the two games will interest soccer enthusiasts from one end of England to the other.

The game that will attract most attention is the meeting of Preston North End and Aston Villa, two sides who were original members of the football league.

Preston North End are favourites for the cup according to an advertisement of a local firm of bookmakers, although Huddersfield were favourities prior to the last round in home-side betting. They will have the services of a number of players who were at Wembley last year, including Holdcroft, their International goalkeeper, Gallimore, Dougal, Beresford, H. O'Donnell and Lowe. Although they have made four appearances in the final, they have only won it once. They have accounted for Arsenal and Brentford in this season's competition, and their recent form indicates that they will be hard to beat.

Villa Most Popular

The Villa, perhaps one of the most popular teams in the world, have made eight appearances in the final, and have won the trophy on six occasions. The Villa are indeed a force to be reckoned with. Jimmy Hogan has made the "Villans" a tip-top side through the introduction of young forwards. In defence they have, Cummings, the Scottish International back, and in the half-back line Massie who is also a Scottish International.

Whilst I would like to see Proud Preston reach the final, I rather fancy that Aston Villa will be the barrier to their success.

But what of the cup-holders, Sunderland? Surely they come into the reckoning somewhere? They have defied tradition as the holders usually go out in the third round. The big feature in their success is the fact that they have a first class half back line: Thomson, Johnson and McNab, who played at Wembley last year. In front they have Bob Gurney still a dangerous centre forward, and Carter the English International who is not only a sound purveyor, but a dangerous shot. The Cup holders meet Huddersfield who have made four appearances in the final as against two appearances of the Wearsiders. I rather fancy the Roker Park boys to win this game.

English Cup

SEMI-FINAL

Preston N. E. v. Aston Villa
Sunderland v. Huddersfield.

Fred Fox informs us that there is no truth in the story that he is considering applying for a licence to ride next flat racing season.

Local Golf Tournament On Sunday

Teeing Off Times for the Fewkes Challenge Cup

The Fewkes Challenge Cup golf handicap will be played on the Recreation Ground golf links on Sunday, March 27, and will consist of 36 holes of medal play. The teeing off times have been arranged as follows:

Result of Draw

a.m.	p.m.	
6.48	1.20	S. C. Smith, W. MacDonald
8.36	1.24	Andico, Meschersky
8.40	1.28	Ewing, Stickels
8.48	1.32	B. W. Smith, Hartley
8.52	1.36	Swan, Hartnett
9.00	1.40	A. J. Grant, Sonnleitner
9.04	1.44	Margerison, Simpson
9.12	1.48	Caulton, Cizek
9.16	1.52	Sutherland, Liang
9.24	1.56	Ozorio, Haslam
9.28	2.00	J. S. MacDonald, Colterjohn
9.36	2.04	Davison, Young
9.40	2.08	Carter, Evans
9.44	2.12	Pott, Knight
9.48	2.16	Ephgrave, I. A. Grant
9.52	2.20	Godkin, Collins
10.04	2.36	Middleton, Hathaway
10.16	2.44	Ross, Forbes
10.28	2.52	Watson, Beattie
10.40	3.04	Gerrard, Inui
10.52	3.16	Cameron, Fraser
11.16	3.28	Snow, Raeburn
11.20	3.52	Kendall, Rogers

K. Goode, the Lambourn trainer, purchased Thieffry from Mr. Whitelaw after the gelding's race at Hawthorn Hill.

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Britons Tell How Endymion Sank

Chief Officer and Chief Engineer Give Graphic Account of Experiences

It's a million-to-one on our having been hit by a torpedo. This was said to me by both Stanley Thomas and William Wood in Cartagena, the only British survivors of the sunk ship Endymion, when I flew down from Barcelona to this naval base town to see them on Feb. 2 states the correspondent of the "Daily Express."

They were waiting in hospital, a little dazed and shaken, for a ship to take them on the first stage of their journey home to Cardiff.

Thomas, the chief officer, was on the bridge of the Endymion and saw the spurt of water as the bows were blown in.

Wood, chief engineer, was below in the engine room when he heard detonations in the fore part of the ship at 7.15 on morning of Jan. 31.

We were struck on the starboard side, said Thomas. The sun was rising at starboard. To see a submarine there we would have had to look into the sun. That is a favourite tip with submarines.

Not a Mine

It could not have been an anchored mine which hit us. We were sixteen miles south-south-west of Cape Tinoso, which is far too deep for mines.

A drifting mine would have been seen by our look-out or one of the Spanish patrol boats floating about there. No, that was a submarine all right that got us.

I found Thomas first. As I went to the hospital director's office there sat a young man in a kind of navy blue ski-ing suit, shyly and slowly dictating to an old man with wavy, silver hair sitting at a typewriter. His face was rather pale and he seemed nervous, but he smiled cheerfully.

I am just dictating my statement about the sinking, he said, in a slow, deliberate Welsh accent. I am afraid I am the last of the crew to make one. I swallowed rather a lot of water. And he smiled wistfully.

While he was finishing dictating I went upstairs, and there, wandering down a corridor between wards, was Wood, a sandy-haired young man, with pale eyes, whitish face, and hands which were trembling quite a bit.

The moment I heard the detonation, he said, plucking a cigarette from a precious packet, "I rushed to the cabin of the second engineer. Langlois . . . . Yes, about fifty I should say he was, born in Jersey. I can't remember his first name. Clarence or Percy, or something. I told him to put his clothes on and get up on deck. But I never saw him again.

Langlois was one of the three British dead; the ship's captain, A. C. Verano, of Gibraltar, and his twenty-six-year-old wife, Laura, were the other two.

Then I went down to the engines again. Just as I got there the signal rang us on deck. The captain from the bridge had just given orders for the boats to be lowered.

Dived from Side

He shouted something to me about looking after his wife. I found Thomas trying to give her a lifebelt, but she would not take it. I must find Buster, she said. Where's Buster? And she rushed down into the saloon.

Buster was her dog. An Airedale, a regular sea dog. Pup of another Airedale they used to have, but that missed the ship at Gib one trip.

Never saw Mrs. Verano again. She must have got caught down in the saloon.

The captain with the rest of us was trying to get the boats out. But the list was too heavy. We couldn't make the davits swing. Then suddenly she started sliding down bows first.

I dived in off the port side and must have done the 200 yards crawl in record time. I was out of the way when she went down, sucking everything with her.

The first thing I got hold of was the hen coop. The chickens were dead inside it. I couldn't get a proper hold on it. It kept rolling round.

I shouted for Thomas, but I couldn't hear him or see him. Then a lifebelt from the bridge turned up. Twenty minutes later a kind of submarine chaser turned up. I was the first to be taken on board.

Treated as Heroes

They wrapped us up warm. Treated us like heroes. Poured brandy and rum down us. But all the time I had on my head my grey trilby hat. I've got it still. I've got the captain's hat, too.

Stanley Thomas had finished his dictation, joined us, and took up his end of the story. I was on the port side of the bridge, he said, the captain on the starboard. I looked over to him the very moment that there was a loud explosion and a huge spout of water went up just from behind our starboard bow.

Larsen, the old Swedish sea captain who was with us as non-intervention control officer, came up with his control documents. He carefully stowed them in a lifebuoy in one of the ship's boats. He was a wonderful old man, seventy years old at least. Little white beard, bright blue eyes. Yes, the real thing.

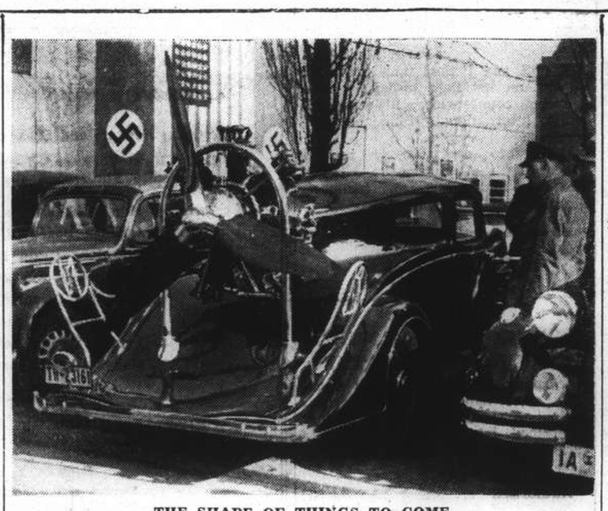
He was trying to lower the boat in which he had put the paper with the buoy when I last saw him. The papers came safely to land. They were picked up with the buoy."

Went Down Twice

Thomas was caught as the ship went down. I kicked out with my legs for all I was worth, he said, but down, down I went. I came up again in a rush and down I went once more. I swallowed the whole Mediterranean. But I came up again all right and found the lifebuoy.

The thing that killed more of us than anything else was the loose stuff stowed on board the boat. It went down first with the boat and then shot up to the surface with terrific force, striking those in the water."

I saw one Spanish seaman in bed in the hospital with a crushed hip. He had been caught by the steamer's funnel as it came up.



THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

Specially designed for high-speed travel on the new German motor roads, this car is driven by a Siemens 150 h.p. aeroplane engine mounted in the rear. In towns the car is propelled by a normal engine under the bonnet.

Britain's "Terriers" Man New Anti-aircraft Defences

Belt of "Safety Sky" Lit by 3,000 New Searchlights To Stretch from Northumberland to Sussex

THE Anti-Aircraft Divisions of the Territorial Army are 20,000 short of their established strength of 50,000 officers and men, writes the "Sunday Express" Military Correspondent. The most intensive recruiting campaign in Territorial Army history is to take place this spring to make up the deficiency.

It is not a "panic" campaign. Recruiting is improving every month, but the War Office feel that the best safeguard against air attack is to make our defences complete without delay.

Responsibility for the air defence of Great Britain rests on the Air Ministry, but the machinery of defence is a partnership between the fighter squadrons of the Royal Air Force and the guns, searchlights, and signals of the Territorial Army.

Two anti-aircraft divisions of the Territorial Army have been organized—the first covering London and the South, and the second with an area extending from Northampton to Northumberland. Further north still are certain Scottish units. The 20,000 shortage is not so bad as it seems. The first division was not formed until December 1935, and the second division a year later. Expansion has been continuous.

While the gap between establishment and strength is wide, the War Office is confident that this year's big push will go a long way towards solving the problem.

Huge Belt of Light

When the two divisions are at full strength there will be a barrier of more than 500 guns and 3,000 searchlights stretching from Northumberland to Sussex.

The searchlights will be at intervals of two miles, forming a belt of illuminated sky deep enough to give our fighting planes room to manœuvre and attack the enemy.

The latest pattern searchlights will be able to pick up an aeroplane five and a half miles high.

As for the guns, the new 3.7 inch model—the best of its kind in the world—now coming into production has an effective range of more than 30,000 feet, higher than any bomber flies during an air raid. There is another and heavier gun, the 4.5 inch, which will also cause raiders a great deal of trouble.

There is no denying that production of these new guns will have to be speeded up if the air defence system is to be made effective. At present the Territorial Army is training with the old 3-inch gun—not in the same class as the new model.

To counter low flying aeroplanes, sent to attack towns with machine guns and gas, a lighter gun of the pom-pom type, firing a two pound shell, is being produced.

Finance is a big problem in the organization and equipment of the T.A. Anti-Aircraft Divisions. It costs £250,000 to equip an anti-aircraft battery of eight guns. A searchlight company costs £100,000. New headquarters, built or building, are responsible for a further £3,000,000.

Although the Territorials who man the searchlights and guns have only a limited time for training, their standard of efficiency is extremely high—certainly not lower than that of Regular Army units trained to do the same work overseas.

Every unit has its battle station in the event of hostilities, and the whole defence system could be brought into operation in a very short time.

Predictor Invented

An invention which has revolutionized anti-aircraft gunnery is the predictor, a highly complicated and technical fire-control instrument. One is supplied to each pair of guns.

It requires a crew of six men, and calculates the speed and course of the aeroplane and time of flight of the shell. It reduces as far as possible the error in aiming the gun so that shell and aeroplane meet in the air. The cost of a predictor is several thousand pounds.

The predictor does not estimate the height of the target. This is done by two men working a "height finder," which solves the problem by optical means. The searchlights have their gadget, too. This is the sound locator, an instrument which picks up an aeroplane long before it can be seen.

With the locator giving an approximate position it is much easier for a concentration of searchlight beams to have effect.

Bombers escaping the British fighters will be engaged by our anti-aircraft guns, assisted by searchlights, and, as a final barrier, there will be the balloon barrage.

Fuehrer's Schemes for Re-making Berlin

To Turn City Into the Most Imposing One in World

Everybody in Berlin is hunting for new quarters, be it for his home, his office or his in-laws and everybody is frantically worried about the housing problem. Four million Berliners first liked the idea of their Fuehrer who promised to turn the city into the most imposing capital in the world, but when notices ordering them to move out of their homes rained down on thousands, their enthusiasm turned into bewildered anxiety. They try to hide their worry by "pulling wise-cracks." The favourite of this week-end is the assertion that "half of Berlin is being turned into office buildings and the other half is being pulled down."

If there were only Berliners looking for new homes things might not be so bad, but dictatorial countries need vast staffs of officials to see that the population is doing just what the chief of State thinks they should be doing. The number of party officials, Government officials and railway officials who have moved to Berlin by Government order and failed to find a real flat for themselves and their families is estimated at about 80,000.

At first the men rather liked the idea of taking a furnished room and keeping their families nicely installed out in the provinces. They were granted a special allowance to pay for this double house-keeping. But now a great part of the "double housekeeping" allowances are being stopped, and the out-of-towners have joined the wild chase for an abode.

Hitler's Triumphal Road

Diplomats who, thanks to the international regulations about extraterritoriality, are usually spared the worry of Customs and taxes are for once feeling for the Berliner who has been ordered to vacate the home dear to his heart. They, too, have to move from their beautiful residences to make place for the great triumphal road which Hitler will build right across the centre of the city. The road will be almost 400 ft. wide, stretching from a new Northern railway station to a Southern railway station and to the vast new Tempelhof aerodrome—right through Berlin's pride, the Tiergarten park, and through the section inhabited hitherto by millionaires and diplomats. Their villas and residences must be given up regardless of the millions invested in them.

Seventeen embassies, legations and consulates have been affected by Berlin's new vast building scheme.

Diplomats pooled their interests and sent a delegation to put their case to the Foreign Office. They were assured that everything would be done to make moving a joy to them. Would they not like to have the Fuehrer allot them a district of Berlin where all the embassies and legations and consulates could have new buildings and be snugly parked together? "That would be a kind of diplomatic Ghetto" the representatives of big and small Powers exclaimed, writhing in anguish at the thought of all being brought so close together.

Four Great Schemes

The reconstruction of the German capital can be divided into four different projects:—

1. The triumphal road cutting straight through Berlin.

2. The "University City," which is being built near the present Stadium, erected for the Olympic Games of 1936, and for the sake of which the owners of scores of new villas are being ordered to move. When completed the Berlin University, known formerly as the "Friedrich Wilhelm Universitaet," after the name of its founder, will be renamed the "Adolf Hitler University."

3. A colossal complex of buildings near the Tempelhof airfield, which is being turned into the biggest central city airfield in the world. The field will measure 2.5 kilometres by 1.7 kilometres. The administration offices of almost all German civilian aviation companies will be quartered in vast circular buildings topped by a central building, the airfield station, where air passengers will alight on a gigantic covered terrace and enjoy their meals on top of the building, where restaurants will seat 2,000 guests and a congress hall seat an audience of 800.

4. In the centre of Berlin, Ministries are being expanded. One of the side streets of the Wilhelmstrasse, the Vosstrasse, is a mass of débris and dust to-day, but by the autumn, Nazis declare, the new buildings erected to expand the Fuehrer's Chancellery will shine in their severe splendour along this thoroughfare, which only a short while ago sported the baroque splendour of the past century.

GAS MASKS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

This is a vision of things to come from a family point of view. Air Raid Precaution wardens are seen fitting gas masks for the family during a test at Beckenham, Kent.

Prince, Princess Too Poor To Open Shop

Six Months' Struggle to Raise Money

In the tiny two-roomed cottage in Hampton Court Palace Gardens, where Prince Andrew, nephew of the last Tsar of All the Russias, and his wife live, I heard of their six-months struggle to raise money to open a shop, writes a "Sunday Dispatch reporter.

Twenty-one years ago, before the revolution they were naturally living in different circumstances.

Before a blazing gas fire in the cosy Victorian-papered sitting-room, Princess Andrew told me why they chose to live in the little cottage that makes part of the house the Prince's mother, the Grand Duchess Xenia, has had lent to her by the King and Queen.

"It is so much more peaceful here," she explained, "and we like to be on our own.

You see, there are so many of them in Wilderness House, a stone's throw from the cottage and overlooking the road at Hampton Court. But our three children sleep over there.

Then, besides them, there is the Grand Duchess, the Tsar's sister, Prince Nikita, and his wife and their family.

Queen Mary Model

Until recently we lived at Frogmore Lodge. Then we all lived together; it was slightly bigger.

We had been there 14 years. It was like home to us.

Prince Andrew and I have run a shop before," the Princess continued. We sold bags designed by my husband. He did a very successful model bag of the Queen Mary.

We had just begun to do really well, and managed to buy a car on the hire-purchase system, when we had to leave. The woman who owned the building went into liquidation just before the Coronation, and the new owners needed our little room.

Since then we have hunted everywhere for a cheap room to use as a shop.

But £600 a year or more they want. An absurd price, and one we could not possibly afford.

All I have left—the darkhaired princess smiled, "is my soul."

Payroll Increases

Washington, Mar. 23.

Weekly factory payrolls increased 2.7 per cent. in February, the first increase in four months, Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labour, announced here to-day.

Miss Perkins indicated, however, there was a general decline in employment, although the number of non-agrarian workers was better in February than in January.—United Press.

London Rubber Market

London, Mar. 24.

An atmosphere of gloom descended on the London Rubber Market yesterday morning when prices fell by 3/16d. to 1/4d. following depressing overnight advices from the East and America.

Well-informed quarters point out that, in view of the prevailing uncertainties, London lately has not been so readily absorbing Eastern offerings and, with American interest only spasmodic, any selling pressure at present is inclined to exercise an exaggerated effect on values.

Yesterday's fall brought out the inevitable stop-loss selling.

Regarding the possibility of next week's meeting of the International Rubber Regulation Committee resulting in a further quota cut for the second quarter, there are two schools of thought. One is taking the logical view that a further cut means less physical rubber, and the other is of the opinion that a further reduction might be interpreted as official cognisance that consumption is still dwindling.—Reuter.

Reichsmark Quotations

Berlin, Mar. 23.

The following were to-day's Reichsmark quotations: New York 40.145, Paris 1307, Amsterdam 72.50, London 12.38.

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Land Co. Meeting

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After providing $66,606 for Bad Debts Reserve, and $52,500.00 for Special Repairs and Renewals to cover properties damaged during hostilities but not totally destroyed, the amount transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account is $62,661.24. To this must be added $18,720.83 brought forward from last year, making a total of $81,382.07. Deducting $38,670.00 being Interim Dividend of $2.00 per share paid on November 5, 1937, there is a balance at credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account of $42,712.07.

At a meeting of directors held yesterday, it was decided to recommend the following appropriation at the forthcoming annual general meeting of shareholders to be held on Thursday, April 21:—

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U.S. Crude Oil Production

New York, Mar. 23.

The daily average gross crude oil production for the week ended March 19 totalled 3,434,000 barrels, according to the weekly report issued to-day by the American Petroleum Institute of New York.

This represents a gain of 52,000 barrels from last week, but shows a drop of 14,000 barrels from the corresponding period of last year.—Reuter.

Czech Bonds Crash

London, Mar. 23.

Czechoslovakian Government bonds crashed here to-day, unsettling the entire list. The drop was believed to have been due to Britain's decision to withhold aid to Czechoslovakia in the event of a German invasion, and to the internal political condition in Czechoslovakia.—United Press.

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Netherlands Guilders $100 .. „ 52 1/8

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Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	51.05	—
Bombay offtake 35 bars.		

*—Against retirement of bills.

London silver was 1/8 down for ready and 1/16 down forward, being 20 5/16 for spot and 20.– forward. New York was unchanged at 44¾ and Bombay one anna down at 51.05.

It was reported there was a little speculative selling. Support was small. Business small. Market quiet. After the official fixing the market was very quiet.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants 1/2 1/16 Sterling and 29 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was again steadier and business was done in small amounts at advancing rates from 1/1 1/8 to 1/1 1/4 in Sterling and 27 1/16 to 27 1/8 in U.S.$.

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Mar. 23.

Japan	77 1/2	London	1/6 7/16
New York	267 1/2	2 mths	
Shanghai	79 1/2	„ (Sellers)	1/6 3/32
Hongkong	84 1/8	„ (Buyers)	1/6 1/8

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	496.31	Shanghai	1/2 1/8
Paris	162.50	Bombay	1/6 7/16
Berlin	12.38	Hongkong	1/3 3/32
Amsterdam	8.97 1/8	Singapore	2/4 1/16
Brussels	29.49 1/2	Yokohama	1/1 3/32
Madrid	79.00 N	„ (buying)	1/1 5/32
Milan	94.30	C'slovakia	142.00
Berne	21.63 1/2		

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.13	Japan	23.92
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	27.80
Holland	55.29	Austria	Unq.
Paris	3.05	C'slovakia	3.49 5/8
Brussels	16.83 1/4	Hungary	19.90
Italy	5.26 1/4	Rumania	0.74 1/2
S'zerland	22.92 1/2	Yugo Slavia	2.34
Sweden	25.55	Greece	0.91 1/8
Norway	24.92 1/2	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	22.15	Finland	2.20
Montreal	99.960	Poland	18.88
Brazil	5.90		

London	4.96 3/16
London Demand	4.96
London Bankers' 60 days bills	4.95 1/2
London Commercial 60 days bills	4.95 15/32
Buenos Aires Paper	30.78
Buenos Aires Paper, market rate	25.67
Montreal on London	4.98 1/2

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Mar. 23.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	0 3/8 %
Bank Bills,	6 months	0 1/2 %
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2 1/4 %
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	2 3/4 %
Call Money		0 1/2 %

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/2 % B 0 5/8 % A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 9/16 % B 0 1/2 % A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Closing Bids in Pesos)

	Mar. 22	Mar. 23
Antamok	.51	.50
Atok	.27	.27
Benguet Consolidated	9.50	9.50
Consolidated Mines	Unq.	Unq.
Demonstration	.36	.34
Mine Operations	.13	.14
San Mauricio	.49	.48
United Paracale	Unq.	Unq.

Turnover: 144,000 Pesos.
Index: (closing prices) 83.40.—Reuter.

London Silver Market

London, Mar. 23.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company, in their weekly bullion letter, write: Silver prices in the London market during the past week were influenced by the firmness of the American dollar.

Quotations hardened initially, but buyers hesitated at higher levels and values have since reacted.—Reuter.

Silver Quotations

London, Mar. 24.

Silver prices advanced to-day, the quotations being:—

	Mar. 23	Mar. 24
London spot	20 3/16 d.	20 5/16 d.
„ forward	20d.	20 1/16 d.

London/New York:

One pound	U.S.$4.96 7/16	$4.96 3/8
One U.S. dollar	48.344 d.	48.369 d.
Gold	140/1 1/2 d.	140/1 1/2 d.

—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market was very dull and uninteresting to-day. Heavy declines in raw rubber markets had a depressing effect, buyers are holding off pending better news from primary markets.

Morning Session

OFFICIAL

CASH

1,000 Tram (Bearer) £1	$ 33.75
1,000 Anglo Java	$ 12.35
23 S'hai Power (Pref)	$111.00
300 Anglo Java	$ 12.50
4,000 Senawang	$ 0.77
1,000 Chemor	$ 1.15
200 Anglo Java	$ 12.35
7,000 Repah	$ 0.74

UNOFFICIAL

23/3/38

1,000 Kelantan	$ 0.38

24/3/38

500 New Eng. (Ord)	$ 4.00
1,000 Chemor	$ 1.15

Afternoon Session

OFFICIAL

4 S'hai Power (Pref)	$111.00
2,000 Kroewoek	$ 0.89
2,000 Repah	$ 0.75
100 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 13.80
500 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 13.80
100 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 13.80
3,000 Kota	$ 2.25
20 Union Insurance	Hks$542.50

	Shares	Bonds
Morning Session	17,023	—
Afternoon Session	7,724	—
Total	24,747	—

Official Indexes

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

	Mar. 23	24	Change
S'hai Rub. Share	216.84	213.24	Off 3.60
S'hai Gen. Stock	*	**	—
Chi. Govt. Bond	*	Closed	—

*—August 13, 1937.
**—Compilation Temperarily suspended until active trading resumed.

London Stock Exchange

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 23.

Opened quietly firm but reacted towards the close, despite the virtual absence of selling pressure. Industrials maintained their position. Elsewhere, the dullness was accentuated by small Continental offerings.—Reuter.

War Loan 3 1/2% (Red.)	£101 1/16	101 1/16

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	49 1/4	48 7/8
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	59 1/2	59

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIALS

Allied Ironfounders	21/6	21/6
Armstrong, Stevens	6/3	6/3
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	36/7 1/2	36/7 1/2
Austin Motors, ord.	28/9	27/10 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	47/6	48/9
British-American Tob.	96/3	95/-
Cable & W., new form	60	59 3/4
Cammell Laird, ord.	8/4 1/2	8/3
Courtaulds	39/4 1/2	39/4 1/2
Distillers	94/6	92/6
Dunlop Rubber	28/3	27/6
General Elec., (Eng.)	69/7 1/2	69/7 1/2
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	115/-	116/3
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	23/9	23/3
Imp. Chem. Indus.	30/4 1/2	29/9
Imp. Tobacco	135/7 1/2	133/9
Leyland Motors	77/3	77/6
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	49/4 1/2	48/9
Pressed Steel, com.	13/3	13/11 1/2
Rolls-Royce	88/9	90/-
Smethwick Drop Forgings	17/9	17/-
Tate & Lyle	76/3	75/9
Turner & Newall	80/-	78/11 1/2
United Steel	26/3	26/6
Vickers, ord.	22/-	22/11 1/2
Woolworths	62/3	61/7 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	23/3	22/9
Rubber Pltn. Invest.	22/-	21/6

MINES

Burma Corp.	10/3	10/-
Commonwealth Min.	2/-	2-
Exploration Co.	2/9	2/9
Marsman Invest.	14/4x	14/6
Randfontein Ests.	42/6	41/3
Sub-Nigel	198/9	197/6
Tenami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.

OILS

Anglo Iranian	73/9	73/11 1/2
Burmah	104/4 1/2	105/7 1/2
Mexican Eagle	5/1 1/2	4/6
Shell Trans. & Trad.	36/10 1/2	35/-

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1898	£74	74
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	70	70 1/2
4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan	88	88
4 1/2% Crisp Loan, 1912	50	50
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	59	59 1/2
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	17	17
5% Honan Rly., 1905	40	40
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	29	29
5% „ „ (Ger. Is.)	27	27
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	20	19 1/2
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	40	40
5% T'sin-Pukow Rly. B.	25	25
5% „ „ G.	25	25
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	25	25
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	25	25
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	21	21 1/2
S'hai Elec. Construction	36 N	36 N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	25 1/2 N	25 1/2 N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	31 N	31 N
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	11 7/8	11 7/8
H & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	90	90
„ (Col. Reg.)	91 1/2	91 1/2
Chinese Eng. & Min.	15/6	15/6
Chosen Corp.	7/6	7/6
Pekin Syndicate	3/3	3/3
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	21/3	21/3

N—Nominal.

British Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 23.

Rubber weakened in sympathy with disappointing American and Eastern advices, coupled with stop-loss selling. Finally, steady conditions prevailed at lower levels. Wheat was steadier on less Australian selling pressure.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 6 1/4 –3/8; sellers 6 3/8 –1/16; April, delivery, buyers 6 1/4 –1/16; sellers 6 3/8 —1/16.

London Sugar (Buyers): Mar. 5/11 1/4 unch; May 5/11 1/4 —1/2; Aug. 5/23 1/4 —3/4.

Liverpool Wheat: Mar. 6/7 1/8 +3/4; May 6/8 +7/8; July 6/7 5/8 +1.

Liverpool Cotton: Amer. Futures: Mar. 4.76 —8; May 4.79 —8; July 4.86 —8; Sept. 4.90 —8; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7): Mar. 6.75 —10; May 6.69 —10; July 6.77 —9; Sept. 6.77 —9.

London Metals: Copper, Standard, cash, sellers £39 5/16 —3/4; 3 mths sellers £39 1/2 —1/8; Electrolytic, buyers £43 —1; sellers £44 —1/2; Tin, Standard, cash sellers £184 3/8 —1 1/8; 3 mths sellers £185 —1; Lead, Foreign, official price, sellers £16 7/16 —1/16; 3 mths delivery, official price, sellers £16 1/8 —3/4; Spelter, Ordinary, official price, sellers £14 3/8 —3/8; 3 mths delivery, official price, sellers £14 3/8 —1/16.—Reuter.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Mar. 23.

The improved feeling continued to prevail on the stock exchange to-day, further inspired by the publication of satisfactory yearly balance sheets indicating an upward trend of business.

Although transactions were on a small scale, the demands considerably exceeded the offers so that prices moved up and advances were generally held. Preference was shown for mining shares. A certain hardening was apparent on the money market due partly to demands motivated by wages payments.—Trans-Ocean.

New York Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 23.

Heavy selling and considerable liquidation dragged stock prices on Wall Street to-day to a new low level since the past three years. Chemicals and steels led the downward movement. The turnover was heavy, amounting to 1,470,000 shares, whilst the ticker at some periods lagged behind by as many as five minutes.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	115.95	112.78	114.38	—2.73
20 Rails	22.03	21.40	21.75	—0.87
20 Utilit.	17.75	17.03	17.30	—0.26
40 Bonds	—	—	86.15	—0.74
11 Commod.	—	—	51.14	—0.15

	Mar. 22	Mar. 23
Adams Express	8 1/2	8
Allegnany Steel	15 1/4	14 3/4
Allis Chalmers	43 1/2	42 1/2
Amer. Can	81	80 1/4
Amer. Cyanamid "B"	20	19 1/8
Amer. & For. Power	3 1/8	2 7/8
„ $7 cum. pfd.	18	15 5/8
Amer. Locomotive	16 5/8	15 1/2
Amer. Metals	31	30
Amer. Radiator	11 3/8	10 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	17 1/8	16 3/8
Amer. Smelting	40 1/4	38 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	B 26	25 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	125 1/4	124 1/4
Amer. Tobacco "B"	65	63 3/4
Amer. Waterworks	8	7 1/4
Anaconda Copper	29 3/8	28 3/8
Atchison Topeka & Santa	27	26
Atlantic Refining Co.	6 3/8	6 1/2
Auburn Auto	3 3/4	3 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	5 7/8	5 1/2
„ pfd.	7 1/4	6 3/8
Barber Co.	15 1/2	14 3/4
Barnsdall Oil Co.	13	12 3/8
Bethlehem Steel	53 1/8	51 1/4
Boeing Airplane	26 7/8	27
Borden Co.	17 1/8	16 7/8
Borg Warner	21 1/4	20 3/8
Briggs Manufacturing Co.	19	18 1/8
Bklyn-Manhattan	8	7 3/8
„ $6 cum. pfd.	24	22 1/2
Case, J.I.	75	73 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rly.	5 7/8	5 3/8
Celanese Corp.	13 1/8	12 1/2
Cerro de Pasco	36 1/4	34 1/2
Chase Nat. Bank	B 29 1/2	B 28 7/8
Chesapeake Corp.	B 30	31 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	26	25 3/4
Chrysler	48	46
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6 1/2	6 1/4
„ 6%	B 71	70 1/8
Commercial Credit	30 3/4	29 7/8
Commercial Solvents	7 1/4	7
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1 1/4	1 1/4
„ $6 cum. pfd.	33	32
Consolidated Edison	20	19 1/4
Consolidated Oil	8 1/2	8 1/8
Continental Can	40	39
Continental Oil	25 1/4	25
Corn Products	60 1/2	60
Curtis Wright (Com.)	4 1/8	3 7/8
„ "A"	16	15 3/4
Delaware & Hudson	9 1/2	9 1/8
Delaware, Lackawanna	5 1/4	5 1/4
Deere Co.	20 7/8	21 1/8
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	12 3/4	12 1/4
Douglas Aircraft	38 1/8	38 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	110 1/8	108 1/8
Eagle Pciher Lead	9 1/8	9
Elec. Boat Co.	7 5/8	7 3/8
Elec. Bond & Share	6 3/8	6
„ $5 pfd.	B 43	B 44
„ $6 pfd.	B 48	46 1/2
Elec. Power & Light	8 1/2	7 7/8
„ 7% pfd.	30 1/2	30 1/2
Flintkote	14	14
Freeport Sulphur	24 7/8	24 3/4
Gen. Amer. Trans.	35	33 1/2
General Cigar	B 24	24
General Electric	35	34
General Foods	26	25 1/2
Gen. Motors	31 7/8	31 1/4
General Railway Signal	17 1/4	16 1/4
Glidden	17 5/8	15 5/8
Goodrich (B.F.)	14 3/4	13 3/4
„ $5 pfd.	B 47	B 47
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	19 1/2	18 7/8
Great Northern Rail. pfd.	16 1/8	15 1/2
Great Western Sugar	26 1/2	25
Greyhound Corporation	9 7/8	9 5/8
Hecker Products	6	5 3/4
Humble Oil.	64 1/8	61 3/4
International Nickel	47 1/2	47 1/8
Int. Tel. & Tel.	6 7/8	6 3/4
Interstate Department Stores	8 1/4	7 1/2
Kennecott Copper	34 1/2	33 1/2
Lambert Co.	10 1/4	B 10 1/8
Libby Owens Ford Glass	29 5/8	28 1/4
Lockheed Aircraft	7 1/4	6 3/4
Loew's Inc.	41 1/8	40 7/8
Lorillard	15 3/4	15 1/4
McKesson & Robbins Inc.	32 1/8	31 1/2
Martin, Glenn L.	16 7/8	16 5/8
Monsanto Chemical	80	79
Montgomery Ward	31	31
Nat. Bond & Investment	B 12 7/8	12 5/8
Nat. Cash Register	15 1/8	15
Nat. City Bank	B 23 3/8	B 22 5/8
Nat. Dairy Products	13	13
Nat. Distillers	20 1/8	19 3/4
Nat. Power & Light	6 1/8	5 7/8
Nat. Supply Co.	18 1/4	18 1/4
New York Central	12 5/8	12
Niagara Hudson & Power	6 3/8	6 3/8
North Amer. Aviation	7 3/8	6 7/8
North American Co.	16 1/2	16 1/2
Northern Pacific	8 3/8	8 1/4
Pacific Gas & Elec.	25 3/4	25 3/8
Pacific Lighting	B 34 3/4	34 1/8
Packard Motors	4	4
Paramount Pictures Inc.	7 5/8	7
„ 1st pfd.	B 72	71
Pennsylvania Railroad	17	16 3/8
Phillips Petroleum	33 3/4	33 3/8
Public Service of New J.	29 1/4	28 1/8
Pure Oil	10 1/2	10 1/4
„ 5% conv. pfd.	B 73 3/8	B 74 1/2
Radio Corp. of America	5 5/8	5 5/8
Republic Steel Corp.	13 3/8	13
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	36 1/2	36 3/8
Schenley Distillers	20	19 3/8
Sears Roebuck	54	54
Shell Union Oil	13 1/8	12 1/4
Socony Vacuum	13 1/8	12 3/4
South. Calif. Edison	20 3/8	21
Southern Pacific	12 1/4	11 3/8
Southern Railway	7 1/4	6 7/8
„ $5 pfd.	11 7/8	10 5/8
Standard Brands	7	7
Standad Gas	3 1/8	3
„ $7 pfd.	17	15 3/4
Standard Oil of New Jersey	45	44 3/4
Sterling Products	56 1/4	55 3/8
Studebaker	4 7/8	4 1/2
Swift Internatonal	23 3/4	B 23
Technicolor	17 5/8	17 1/8
Texas Corporation	37 5/8	36 3/8
Texas Gulf Sulphur	30 1/8	29 7/8
Tide Water Associated Oil	12 1/2	12 1/4
Transamerica	10	9 3/4
Twentieth-Century-Fox	19 1/8	*17 7/8
„ pfd.	B 25 1/2	*26
Union Carbide & Carbon	69 1/2	69
Union Pacific	63	61 1/2
United Aircraft (New)	23 1/2	23 1/2
United Air Lines Transport.	6 3/8	6 3/8
United Corporation	2 1/2	2 1/4
„ $3 cum. pfd.	27 1/8	27
United Gas Corporation	3 1/2	3 3/8
United Gas Improvement	9 5/8	9 1/2
United Light & Power Co.	2	1 7/8
U. S. Industrial Alcohol	15 1/4	14 1/2
U. S. Rubber	29 3/8	28 1/2
„ 8% non-cum.	74 1/2	73
U. S. Smelting, Refining	60	58 1/2
U. S. Steel	49 5/8	48
Vanadium	15 1/4	14 1/4
Warner Bros. Pictures	4 5/8	4 1/4
Westinghouse Elec.	80	78 1/2
Woodward Iron	14 1/2	13 3/4
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	33 3/4	31 1/2

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power 5s	49	46 1/4
Brazil	14 5/8	14 5/8
Int. Tel. & Tel. 4 1/2s	81 1/2	80 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s 1955	55	51 1/4
Chic. Mil. Stp. & Pac.	9 3/8	8 3/4
Cities Service Power	51 3/4	49 1/2
New England Gas	50	47
Peru 6s 1961	9	8 5/8
Standard Gas & Eec.	B 47	46

B—Bid.—Reuter.

U.S. Electricity Output

New York, Mar. 23.

Production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended March 19 totalled 2,018,000,000 kilowatt hours, according to the weekly statement published to-day by the Edison Electric Institute.

This indicates a decrease of 8.7 per cent. from the corresponding week of last year, when the output totalled 2,211,000,000 kilowatt hours.

Electricity output during the previous week amounted to 2,015,000,000 kilowatt hours, showing a decrease of 9 per cent. from the same week in 1937.—Reuter.

London Sugar Pact

Washington, Mar. 23.

President Roosevelt to-day signed the 1937 London Sugar Agreement, the Department of State announced. The Agreement was approved by the Senate in December.—United Press.

U.S. Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 23.

Cotton prices early receded on liquidation and stop-loss selling, but later rallied on covering and New Orleans buying. At the close, quotations ranged from 1 to 6 points up from the previous final levels.

Bearish Singapore and London cables influenced the general weakness, in the rubber market, with values touching new low levels since November, 1935. Later, the decline was accentuated by the action of securities, general liquidation and stop-loss selling. Buyers were reluctant to give their support, believing that no quota action is likely to result from the forthcoming meeting of the International Rubber Regulation Committee next week. However, it is believed locally that the new low levels created to-day are not likely to induce a quota amendment. At the last call-over, losses from 40 to 43 points were recorded.

In response to the easiness of major commodities, wheat prices in Chicago moved lower. The lack of substantial export demand was an unsettling factor. At the final bell, quotations ranged from ¼ of a cent. down to ⅛ of a cent. up.

Sugar prices sagged to-day on active foreign selling, liquidation hedging and uncovering of stop-loss orders. At the end of the day's trading, losses from 2 to 2½ points were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
May	8.61-62 +01	May	12.89-89 —46
July	8.66-69 +04	July	13.00-02 —47
Oct.	8.72-72 +06	Sept.	13.15-18 —43
Dec.	8.73-73 +05	Dec.	13.37-38 —40
Jan.	8.75-77 +06		
Mar.	8.76-76 +03		

New York Sugar No. 4 New York Silk

Sept. 1.00-00 1/2 —2 Mar. 1.52 1/2 –52 1/2 –2 1/2
B/A

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	86 1/4-86 1/8 +1/8	May	59 3/4-59 7/8 unc.
July	83 1/4-83 3/8 —1/8	July	61 3/8-61 3/4 +1/8

Winnipeg Wheat		Montreal Silver	
May	115 3/4-115 3/4 unc.	Mar.	44.90-5.20 —20
July	106 3/4-106 7/8 —3/8		

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

Rubber Co. Meeting

We have been advised by Messrs. A. R. Burkill & Sons, Ltd., general managers of the Bute Plantations (1913), Ltd.:

That the profit for the year amounted to	$219,669.84
Add: Carry forward from previous year	4,205.09
	223,874.93
Less: Interim Dividends:—	
10 cts. per share paid on 25-6-37	$35,369.80
10 cts. per share paid on 15-9-37	35,369.80
10 cts. per share paid on 17-12-37	35,369.80
	106,109.40
Balance at credit of profit and loss account	$117,765.53

At a meeting of directors held yesterday, it was decided to recommend the following appropriation at the fourthcoming annual general meeting of the company to be held on Monday, April 11:—

To Pay a Final Dividend of 15 Cents Local Currency per share, making 45 Cents Local Currency per share for the year	$53,054.70
Place to General Reserve	5,000.00
Place to Replanting and Cultivation Reserve	25,000.00
Write off Buildings	16,605.79
Write off Plant and Machinery	1,990.00
Write off Rubber Factory and Store	5,000.00
Write off Furniture	651.74
Write off Wells and Water Supply	2,782.03
Write off Live Stock and Carts	90.00
Donate to British Forces Recreation Centres Fund	350.00
Carry forward	7,241.27
	$117,765.53

THE Sultan of Muscat and Oman left New York on March 22 for England in the ss. Queen Mary. He is due at Southampton on March 28. His Highness will be the guest of His Majesty's Government for a period of a fortnight. He will be received in audience by the King, and, and a programme has been arranged which will enable him to see various aspects of the National life of Britain, including the daily work of the fighting services.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
M. Francisca	—	—
Marion Moller	—	K M A
Kashi M.	Cruise	—
Tseangtah	—	C I & E L
U S S Edsall	Cruise	—
Fukwang	Wenchow	A P C
Siangwo	Nantung	Jardne
Marie Moller	—	Moller
Hertha	—	—
Shinai	Foochow	G L Shaw

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Enderta	Ital.	Delveopment
Marie Moller	Br.	Moller
Hansi	Ger.	F E S S
Romolo	Ital.	C F S S
Hsin Kiangnan	Ger	Carlowitz
Tungwo	Br.	Jardine
Shinfu	Br.	G L Shaw
Kungwo	Br.	Jardine
Sandro Sandri	—	—
Shuntien	Br.	B & S
Haikong	Ger.	G M C
Ryoga M.	Jap.	D K K
Hsin Peking	Br.	B & S
Tjisadane	Net	J-C J L
Shanghai M.	Jap.	N Y K

Vessels in Harbour

Name	Flag	Berthed
Fukwo	Br.	POD
Wuhu	Br.	RTW
Kiangsu	Br.	FBW
Taiyuan	Br.	FBW
Min	Fr.	—
Zuiderkerk	Dut.	HW
Wantung	Br.	PW
Agamemnon	Br.	HWP
Prometheus	Br.	HWP
Siangwo	Br.	PRJ
Shinai	Br.	MWP
Fukwang	Br.	APCW

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Aphis	Br.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
Cricket	Br.	Gbt.	B.N.B.
Sandwich	Br.	Slp.	B.N.B.
Isabel	Am.	Slp.	—
Oahu	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Parrott	Am.	Dest.	O.F.B.
Sacramento	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Primauguet	Fr.	Cr.	F.N.B.
Sav. de Brazza	Fr.	Slp.	F.N.B.
Tahure	Fr.	Gbt.	—
E. Carlotto	Ital.	Gbt.	O.F.B.
Hino M.	Jap.	Tr.	N.Y.K.W.W.
Inatzema	Jap.	Dest.	5/6 B.
Konso M.	Jap.	Tr.	O.S.K.Y.W.
Kwayo M.	Jap.	Tr.	N.Y.K.P.W.
Lepanto	Ital.	Gbt.	O.F.B.
Mankwo M.	Jap.	Tr.	C.M.C.W.
Mikage M.	Jap.	Tr.	N.Y.K.W.W.
Asahi	Jap.	Gbt.	8 B.
Idzumo	Jap.	Tr.	N.Y.K.M.W.
Dest. 15	Jap.	Dest.	1/2 B.
Dest. 16.	Jap.	Dest.	4/5 B.
Dest. 21	Jap.	Dest.	4/5 B.
Transport	Jap.	Tr.	N.Y.K.W.W.

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Profit for the year ended December 31, 1937	$70,103.96
Add Balance brought forward from last year	1,176.67
	71,280.63
Less Interim Dividend of 2 cents per share paid on September 30, 1937	28,000.00
Balance remaining at credit of profit and loss account	$43,280.63

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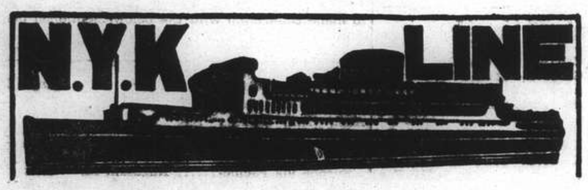

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	"PROTESILAUS"	,, Gdynia	,,	Apr. 8
	"DEUCALION"	,, Liverpool	,,	Apr. 13
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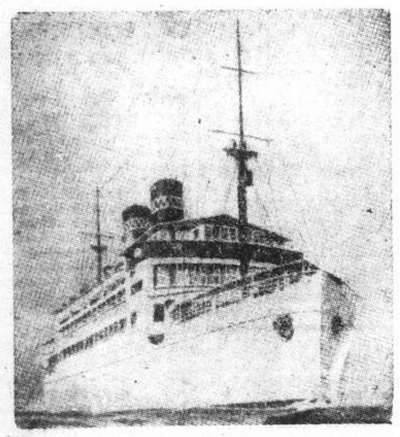

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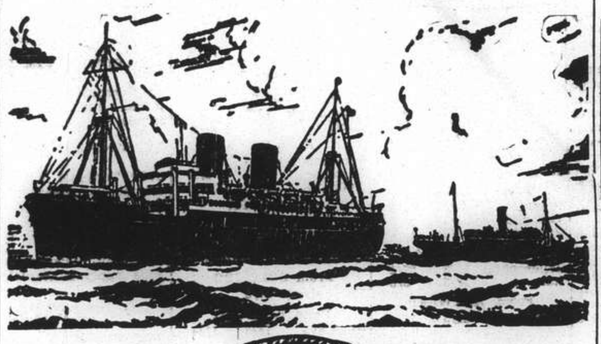

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	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Sphinx	Mar. 28	Mar. 30	Mar. 31
Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 6	Jean Laborde	Apr. 9	Apr. 11	Apr. 12
Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 20	D'artagnan	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 26
Apr. 29	May 2	May 4	Felix Roussel	May. 7	May 9	May 10
May 13	May 16	May 18	Pres. Doumer	May 21	May 23	May 24

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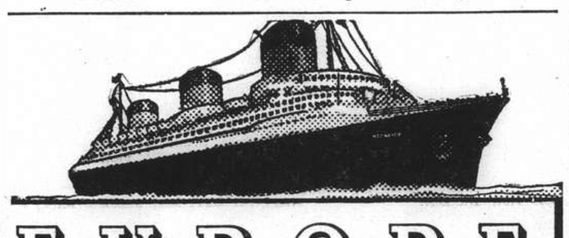

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mv. OLDENBURG	Apr. 27	Genoa, Rotterdam, Hamburg.

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		Due H'kong	Due S'hai	
mv. OLDENBURG	Left Singapore	Mar. 18	Mar. 26	Mar. 31
mv. BURGENLAND	Left Colombo	Mar. 17	Apr. 3	Apr. 8
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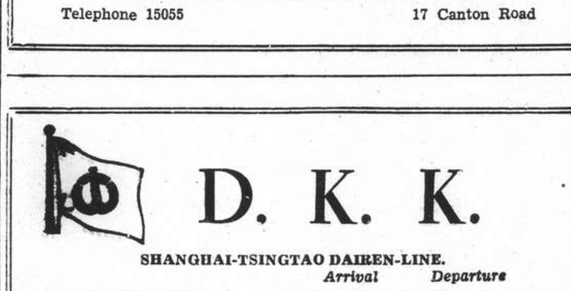

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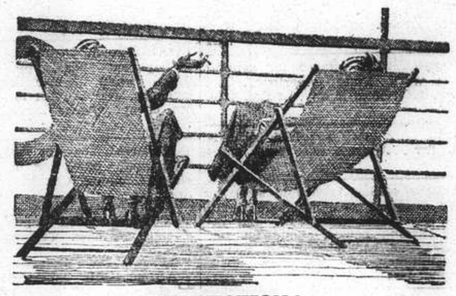

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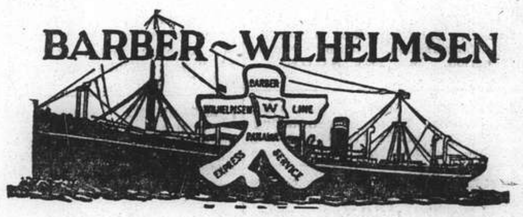

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GRAHAM system shorthand books required. Please send particulars to Box 1751, N.C.D.N. -3391

WE purchase all kinds of high-class furniture. Carpets, piano, typewriter, radio and useful household effects at a fair price. For further particulars apply to the Chesterfield Art Second-hand Goods Store, 1469 Bubbling Well Road, Telephone 36334. -3237

For Sale—Miscellaneous

TROPICAL fish, fish food and medicines, tank made by order. 704 Weihaiwei Road, Sea Paradise. -3417

DINING-room, bedroom, two excellent imported beds, piano, bookcase, three small arm-chairs, glassware, crockery, etc. Almost new and tasteful but cheap. Owner leaving. Telephone 71400. -3370

PERSONAL scale as new, suitable for doctor's office or home. Bargain $70. Telephone Clement's Apartments, Room 24. 13443

VICTORIA couch imported pram, almost as new. Telephone 72857. -3386

LADIES', girls' American shoes. Final clearance, $17.50, now $6. Formerly $7.50, now $2. Summer purses $1. 809 Bubbling Well. -3393

FINE grandfather clock, French make, gridiron pendulum. Accurate time keeper. Very solid case. Owner going Home. Address Box 1763, N.C.D.N. 13456

PILLOW cases, 50 cents. Applique runners, 30 cents. Bridge sets. 50 cents. 17 pieces coloured luncheon sets, $3.20. Large variety of everything in laces and linens in stock. Lace & Linen Syndicate, 114 Peking Road, First Floor. Time 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. except Sundays. 13462

FOR SALE as scrap, 3 semi-diesel engines each of 320 B.H.P., approximate weight per engine 26 tons of cast iron, steel, white metal and brass. Delivery to be taken by purchaser ex ship's side or dockyard. For permit to inspect apply to Marine Department, A.P.C., 1 The Bund. 13446

SUPERIOR American dental equipment and instruments, property of late Dr. Ridgeway. Selling at sacrifice. Telephone 13482 for inspection. -3398

DINING-room, drawing-room and bedroom. Furniture in good condition, $600. Robinson piano, $300. Wicker sun porch furniture with spring seats and tables with glass tops, $110 Owner gone Home. Enquire Telephone 75457, 12.30-1.30 p.m. or Box 1722, N.C.D.N. 13430

SHIRTS, Made to measure, new designs, Wemco, $4.50; Duro, $5; Striped Silk, $9. Razon's, 12 Central Road. -2522

NICK'S second-hand furniture store. Buying and selling new and second-hand furniture, household effects, etc. 146A Route des Sœurs, Telephone 73937. -1491

DRESSING table, $30. Silverware cabinet, $40, made by Arts & Crafts. Small wicker armchair, painted pink, $3 Owner leaving. Reply Box 1438. N.C.D.N

LACE curtains in navy, brown, green, and orange $2.95 pair, applique bed spread $3.50 piece. Many latest creations in laces and linens retailed at wholesale prices. Lace & Linen Syndicate, 114 Peking Road. 13370

PIANO for sale at low price, Schwed and Wagener, in good condition, on view from 1 to 3 p.m. at 181 Route Remi. 13421

20 cases whisky N.B.R., for sale at the best offer. Apply 33 Szechuen Road, Room 402. -3308

CHILDREN'S books. Annuals, fairy stories, school yarns, all kinds suitable for girls of nine and twelve. $1 and 50 cents each. Very good condition. Owners leaving, also few good novels for adults. Telephone 32668.

Miscellaneous

MAKE your own dresses. Lessons are given by a German lady. Please address Box 1740, N.C.D.N. or Telephone 20031. -3369

YOU can read 14 magazines, latest monthly issues, such as Esquire, Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping, Vogue, Red Book, Geographical, Strand, Windsor, Britanniaeve, etc., for $2 monthly, delivered any address. Telephone 83288 for list. Home Magazine Library. 13078

IF packing, telephone 20770. Expert foreign packers will do the rest. No native assistants. Rates moderate. -3089

Radios

FOR skilled workmanship call 32392 American Radio Repair, 1549 Bubbling Well Road. -2569

RADIOS promptly repaired. Telephone 13750. Ask for Mr. Stewart. American Radio Equipment Company. Our method can save you 50% 13117

FOR radio repairs call International Radio Service. Work guaranteed. Telephone 75897. 9 Cardinal Mercier, Bills Motors Building. -2466

Personal

RE 32 Rue Pere Robert. Will Miss H. Cheng kindly get in touch with me immediately. Mrs. N. Halmanovich. -3375

BACHELOR, 40 years age, of good family and of independent means, desires to meet respectable widow or spinster, age 30-35. Nationality British (English), French or German, speaking English. View, matrimony. (Confidential.) Box 1759, N.C.D.N. -3406

Business Opportunities

PARTNER to invest in bakery and confectionery well-established firm. Serious replies only. Telephone 83278 after 6 p.m. -3400

A complete match factory wanted. Send particulars and price to Box 1720. N.C.D.N. -3330

GENTLEMAN, English university graduate, would like to purchase a first-class shorthand-typewriting school. All replies treated in confidence. Box 1714, N.C.D.N. -3324

Animals

CHEAP. A litter of highly pedigreed Blue Roan Cocker Spaniel puppies, very healthy, two months old. $50 each. Telephone 83369. -3384

RED setter, with collar and lead, Licence 2170, answering name Rex, lost corner Yenping/Connaught Roads. Thursday morning. Reward. Communicate Dr. Wolks, 882 Bubbling Well. Telephone 33611. -3390

FOR SALE, two Alsatian dogs with pedigree and one trained English setter. Telephone 84899. -3303

PEDIGREED wire-haired terrier open for service for pedigreed bitch only. Telephone 14347. -3301

RED Setter, male, pure-bred, 18 months, fully-trained, for sale, owner leaving. Telephone 73779. 13439

TWO beautiful black Pekingese puppies. Thoroughbreds. Reasonable. Telephone 14888. -3381

Lost

WATERS-Genter, automatic electric waffle master (cooker), stolen from apartment. Reward for return to Flat 60, Picardie Apartments. -3381

THE following Bills of Lading, in the name of the China United Lamp Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. and consigned to order, are hereby declared null and void. No. 28 dated February 17, 1938, covering 32 cases electrical lamps, marked G.E.C., per ss. Chaksang. No. 254 dated March 2, 1938, covering 4 cases electrical lamps, marked GEC-Canton, per ss. Fausang. No. 255 dated March 2, 1938, covering 8 cases electrical lamps, marked SCC-Canton, per ss Fausang. China United Lamp Company, Federal Inc. U.S.A. 13424

LOST, Bill of Lading covering 2 cases synthetic oil ex ss. Katori Maru, Voyage 66, from Baale marked TD-747-BC. Arrived at Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Wayside Wharf. Having reported the loss to the shipping company the original document has hereby been considered null and void. T. D. Begg & Co. 13349

FOUR bills of lading as follows:—B/L No. 11a 甲 in circle, 2 bales Rush Mats, B/L No. 11b, R in circle, 1 bale Rush Mats, ex ss. Hsin Peking at Ningpo on 11/8/37; B/L No. 18, E in circle, 3 bales Rush Mats, B/L No. 19, G in circle, 2 bales Rush Mats, ex ss. Hsin Peking at Ningpo on 13/8/37. We have reported China Navigation Co., Ltd. in regard to the loss. The four original bills of lading are declared null and void. Wen Shing Yung (高興永). -3343

LOST. Six Delivery Orders No. A60940 covering 22 bales paper, No. A60941 covering one bale paper, No. A60942 covering one bale paper, No. A60943 covering one bale paper, No. A60946 covering 15 bales paper, No. A60948 covering three bales paper, have been lost and are hereby declared null and void. Pao Hwa Import Co., Ltd. -3358

LOST, Godown Warrant. Notice is hereby given that Godown Warrant No. 8167 dated January 14, 1938, in the name of Messrs. Yuen Kee, for 10 packages piece goods, issued by Messrs. Mackenzie & Co., Ltd. Shanghai, stored in their Shanghai Godown "02," has been lost and is hereby declared null and void. Yuen Kee. -3337

SIX delivery orders, B/L. No. 47/5 marked IND 687 in triangle RAC TZM below, 1/150, covering 150 cases drawn sheet glass, 24 oz, ex ss. Trianon, arrived July 26, 1937; B/L. No. 82/6, marked IND 651 in triangle, RAC YY below, 1/20, covering 20 cases drawn sheet glass, 24 oz. ex ss. Gaasterkerk, arrived July 10, 1937; B/L. 82/7, marked IND 720 in triangle, RAC WZC below, 1/30, covering 30 cases drawn sheet glass, 24 oz. ex ss. Gaasterkerk, arrived July 10, 1937; B/L. No. 82/16, marked IND 642 in triangle, RAC WZC below, 53/92, covering 40 cases drawn sheet glass, 24 oz. ex ss. Gaasterkerk, arrived July 10, 1937; B/L. No. 82/5, D/Order No. 04192, L/A No. 8140 W. marked IND 614 in triangle, RAC DD below, ex 11/20, covering 7 cases drawn sheet glass, 24 oz. ex ss. Gaasterkerk, arrived July, 10, 1937; B/L. No. 59, marked 408 in diamond, covering 173 coils galvanised wire shorts, ex ss. Trianon, arrived 26 July, 1937; have been lost and are hereby declared null and void. Racine & Cie., S.A. 13367

LOST. Bill of Lading No. 13 covering 88 packages of cotton shirting with no mark, ex ss. Tung Wo, Voyage No. 761, from Tungchow, arriving Jardine Matheson, Peking Road, temporary godown on February 28, 1938, has been duly reported to the Shipping Company to be lost and hereby declared null and void. Akron Mercantile & Transportation Company Federal Inc. U.S.A. (Pending) 20 Canton Road. Telephones 13975, 13940. 13420

REMINDER

The following replies are being held at this office, and the owners of the undermentioned Box Numbers are requested to call for same before March 30 after which date they will be destroyed. Nos. 327, 1019, 1035, 1128, 1188, 1249, 1295, 1326, 1337, 1345, 1420, 1493, 1524, 1547, 1565, 1576.

House Servants

CAN British lady recommend boy-coolie, small flat, knowledge table. English. Wages $22. Box 1760, N.C.D.N. -3407

COOK-boy, clean, healthy, honest and cheerful, English and American experience. Employer leaving. Reply Box 1754, N.C.D.N. -3397

EXPERIENCED No. 1 house-boy, speaks good English. Servant many years in English and American home, highly recommended, best testimonials. Telephone 77162. -3377

GOOD cook-boy seeks position. Clean, honest, hardworking, speaks English, highly recommended. Address Box 1747, N.C.D.N. -3379

WASHMAN, Fukienese, 14 years with American family, who are leaving China, highly recommended for laundering fine linens, lingerie, woollens, silks, cut work, etc. Box 1748, N.C.D.N. -3381

HARDWORKING cook-boy, speaking good English, excellent boy, recommended by English and American family. Address Box 1406, N.C.D.N. -3412

73148 CENTRAL Employment Agency (British). Servants specialists, 2,000 satisfied international customers. Picked cook-boys, baby-amahs, cook-amahs, house-amahs, wash-amahs, chauffeurs, watchmen, telephone-operators, clerks, pharmacists, accountants, stenographers. -3416

CAN anyone personally recommend reliable, polite, clean baby-amah Please address Box 1693, N.C.D.N. -3285

RELIABLE cook-boy recommended, hard-working, clean, honest, served English, American families. Best references. Address Box 1699, N.C.D.N. -3291

COOK, boy, gardener, 2 coolies and amah available beginning of April. Honest and capable. Telephone 73807. -3311

BRITISH couple would appreciate recommendation of clean, dependable and economical all-round cook. Address Box 1712, N.C.D.N. -3323

POSITION wanted by a boy-coolie, speaking good English, can wash and iron. Box 1729, N.C.D.N. -3247

GOOD cook-boy, clean, hardworking, seeks position in American/British family. Address Box 1733, N.C.D.N. -3353

COOK-boy, clean, honest, can wash and iron. Good reference. Reply Box 1737, N.C.D.N. -3363

CHAUFFEUR, highly recommended as to character and ability. Many years' experience. Please reply to Post Office Box 1489. -3350

Dancing

STUDY dancing under well-known artists. Ballroom, ballet, tap, etc. Waldemar's Dancing Academy, 1272 Avenue Joffre. -3334

Rooms with Board

WELL-furnished room. Private bath. Can be seen after 3 p.m. Next door Union Church, 79 Soochow Road. 12914

689/691 Rue Ratard (near Avenue Roi Albert). One large room, facing south and garden. Private bathroom. Spacious garden, tennis court and garage. The Western House. Telephone 74243. -3327

RIVERINA, 31 Rue Massenet, two single rooms with private bathrooms steam-heated. Garden. Excellent food. Mrs. Anderson, Telephone 73015. -3334

THE Villas, 969 Avenue Foch, suitable 9/1 bus. One small, also two connected rooms available, private baths, large gardens, tennis, garage, etc. Telephone Mrs. Fisher 75433. -3345

BUBBLING Well Apartments, 203/6 Seymour Road, from April 1, large/small room, all modern conveniences. Telephone 37012. -3241

427 Yu Yuen Road, well-furnished, south, double/single, steam-heated rooms, Excellent food. English supervised. Telephone 22091. -3279

84 Carter Road, Lane 41, Comfortable double/single rooms, private modern bathrooms. Terms moderate. Good catering. Garage available. British management. Telephone 30582. -3253

PEKIN Apartments. 137/157 Peking Road. Newly decorated, south room, also single rooms, reasonable rates. Telephone 16010, Mrs. Adams. -3193

IDEAL summer location, beautifully furnished two-roomed suite. Excellent board. Tennis. Lane 1220, House 1. Avenue Road. -3093

THE Towers, 1182 Avenue Road. Comfortable single/double rooms, private bathrooms, steam-heated, excellent food. Telephone 35534. -3019

SINGLE/double, bed-sitting rooms, private bath, verandah, board optional. Bus/tram No. 1. Lane 1220/55 Avenue Road. -3313

200 Chengtu Road, near Weihaiwei Road. Attractive double rooms, with board, facing south, with verandahs. Large garden, garages. Telephone 32916. -2910

THE GARDENS Guest House 90 Route des Sœurs. Board-residence in attractive and comfortable home. Steam-heating, large garden, excellent cuisine. Well-appointed large and small rooms with private bathroom. Close to buses and trams. Mrs. Hampson. -3326

COLUMBIA Road. Englishwoman is taking a house on May 1. Will let two/three rooms. Full board. Box 1736, N.C.D.N. -3357

BEVERLEY House, 30 Route Boissezon, near Avenue Joffre, Sunny rooms, $125 up. Private baths. Large garden. Board optional. Telephone 70787. -3256

AVENUE Hall. Single and double rooms, good food, Supervised by Mrs. Chr. Falkenstein, 1434 Avenue Road. Telephone 30244. -3302

Unfurnished Houses

HOUSE to let, Tifeng Road, six rooms, two bathrooms, servants' quarters, some furniture may be taken over. Owner leaving. Telephone 21486. -3277

OPPORTUNITY offered Chinese family taking over foreign residence containing 5 rooms, modern conveniences, Cardinal Mercier, near Lafayette. 7 years lease, present monthly rent being $85. Paying cash down $5,040 rent is reduced to $60 per month. Safest investment against present insecurities. Further particulars Telephone 18462. -3414

MODERN quiet and convenient detached house, western district. 5 rooms, garage, garden. Apply 47B Tunsin Road. -3274

TO LET, 910/10 Yu Yuen Road, six-roomed detached house, 3 bathrooms, garden, garage, servants' quarters. Apply D. E. J. Abraham, 83 Peking Road, Telephone 16722. 12953

TO LET, 25 Edinburgh Road. Five rooms, two bathrooms, servants quarters, garage, Large garden. Apply Spence, Robinson & Partners, 27 Peking Road. Telephone 11355. 13111

Motor Cars and Cycles

FOR SALE, Hillman Minx, 1934, excellent condition, owner-driven, $1,200. Owner leaving. Address Box 1744, N.C.D.N. -3370

WANTED, 1935 Ford, Chevrolet or Plymouth. State price and particulars. Write C. T. Chen, 31 Rue Wagner. -3372

MARQUETTE-Buick, for sale, in excellent running order, owner-driven. Minimum price $600. Telephone Clement's Apartments, Room 24. 13443

FORD coupe, in excellent condition, $600 or nearest. For particulars telephone 74214, between 12 and 1.30 or after 7 o'clock. 13444

D.K.W. motor-cycle, selling at a very low price, all in perfect running condition. Owner leaving. Address Box 1765, N.C.D.N. -3409

LIGHT car in good condition wanted for cash. Address Box 1766, N.C.D.N. -3290

DURO, U.S.A. storage battery. Quick starting, longer life, lower prices. 6 volts, 100 a.h., $29. Asia Radio Service, 361 Avenue Foch, Telephone 82304. -3300

YEN 400 Chevrolet truck 1931, built of light car, in good condition, owner-driven, for sale. Telephone 71591. -3362

WE offer cash for used cars and trucks. Apply to Jenny's Motors, 177 Amiral Courbet, Telephone 73165. -3136

FOR SALE, 1931 Fiat 514, first-class condition, brand-new tyres. Telephone 17009 (office hours) or 75254. -2993

WANTED, small, economical car, good condition, preferably Morris Minor. Cheap. Full particulars and price to Box 1692, N.C.D.N. -3283

FOR SALE 1934 Plymouth de luxe sedan, in excellent condition. Telephone 19637 during office hours. -3335

WANTED a four-door sedan, in good condition and appearance. Must be reasonable. Address Box 1727, N.C.D.N. -3331

WANTED for cash, economical used car, in good condition. Address Box 1730, N.C.D.N. -3248

FOR SALE, four-door 12/4 Austin saloon car. Engine and body work in good condition. Ideal family car. Bargain $650, or nearest offer. Telephone 74557. -3359

SMART convertible roadster. Overhauling costing, $450. Many spares. Immediate sale, $875. 492 Roi Albert, Apartment 201. -3304

1934 Ford sedan, in most excellent condition, bargain for cash. Address Box 1703, N.C.D.N. 13419

1932 Morris Oxford saloon, a real bargain, $650. Address Box 1704, N.C.D.N. 13419

Vessels Arriving

Due at Future Dates

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From LIVERPOOL

Calchas	26/2	8/4
Deucalion	5/3	13/4
Mentor	12/3	23/4

From GOTHENBURG

Java	3/2	7/4

From HAMBURG

Frankfurt	23/3	5/5
Tirranna	31/3	8/5
Gneisenau	9/4	15/5

From ROTTERDAM

Bellerophon	16/3	27/4
Ramses	18/3	5/5

From ANTWERP

Gaasterkerk	21/3	14/5

From MARSEILLES

Katori M.	1/3	29/3
D'Artagnan	18/3	15/4
Patroclus	25/3	26/4

From GENOA

Victoria	18/3	11/4

From PORT SAID

Isar	14/3	11/4
D'Artagnan	23/3	15/4
Grootekerk	16/3	16/4
Corfu	23/3	17/4

From SUEZ

Protesilaus	8/3	6/4
Potsdam	22/3	9/4
Neumark	17/3	20/4

From ADEN

Soudan	21/3	17/4

From PORT SUDAN

Touraine	20/3	15/4

From COLOMBO

Burgenland	17/3	8/4

From KARACHI

Himalaya	14/3	11/4

From PENANG

Rawalpindi	25/3	3/4

From SINGAPORE

C. Rosso	22/3	28/3
Behar	22/3	31/3
Oldenburg	19/3	31/3
Sarpedon	20/3	1/4
J. Laborde	24/3	1/4
Java	23/3	7/4

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK

St. Traveler	8/2	28/3
Javanese Pr.	—	5/4
C. Lyons	21/2	21/4
Tweedbank	7/3	25/4
Silverwalnut	—	9/5
C. Derby	17/3	18/5
Lossiebank	7/4	27/5

From NEW YORK

C. Kimberley	16/4	14/6

From YOKOHAMA

Haruna M.	10/4	18/4

From KOBE

Sphinx	27/3	29/3
Naldera	25/3	29/3

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From DURBAN

Bontekoe	10/4	13/5

From SEYCHELLES

Roggeveen	25/3	13/4

From MELBOURNE

Tanda	2/4	9/5

From RABAUL

Nellore	23/3	6/4

CHINA PORTS

From CHINWANGTAO

Sontay	14/4	18/4

From DAIREN

Zuiderkerk	22/3	4/4

From TIENTSIN

Kwaisang	—	26/3
Taksang	—	30/3
Leesang	—	30/3

From TONGKU

Shengking	22/3	26/3
Chengtu	26/3	—

From TAKU

Aeneas	22/3	2/4

From CHEFOO

Kingyuan	22/3	25/3

From WENCHOW

Chekiang	22/3	25/3

From AMOY

Tsinan	23/3	26/3

From SWATOW

Kiangsu	23/3	26/3

From HONGKONG

Tingsang	—	26/3
Soochow	22/3	26/3
Eumaeus	23/3	26/3
Kanchow	22/3	27/3
Hangsang	—	29/3
Sinkiang	25/3	30/3
Taiyuan	28/3	1/4
Kaying	31/3	5/4

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

PROMETHEUS Mar. 25. DAIREN.—For freight and passages apply to Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 25-3

MARION MOLLER Mar. 26. CHINWANGTAO DIRECT.—The Kailan Mining Administration will despatch the ss. Marion Moller, Captain Fowler, on Saturday, March 26, 1938. For freight or passage, apply to Agent, 30 Foochow Road. Tel. 11070. 26-3

TINGSANG Mar. 27. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Sunday, March 27. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 27-3

LUCHOW Mar. 29. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Tuesday, March 29, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 29-3

HANGSANG Mar. 31. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, March 31. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 31-3

SOUTH CHINA COAST

KIANGSU Mar. 28. SWATOW, HONGKONG, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Monday, March 28, at 8 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 27-3

TSINAN Mar. 28. AMOY, HONGKONG and CANTON.—From French Bund on Monday, March 28, at 6 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 27-3

KINGYUAN Mar. 29. SWATOW, HONGKONG and CANTON.—From French Bund on Tuesday, March 29, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 28-3

KWAISANG Mar. 29. SWATOW, HONGKONG and CANTON.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, March 29, at 8 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 29-3

Vessels Leaving

SOUTH CHINA COAST

SOOCHOW Mar. 29. FOOCHOW, SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Tuesday, March 29, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 29-3

LEESANG Mar. 31. WENCHOW, SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, March 31. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 31-3

NINGHAI Mar. 31. AMOY, SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Thursday, March 31, at 10 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 31-3

STRAITS AND EUROPE

SCHARNHORST Mar. 25. GENOA, SOUTHAMPTON, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN and HAMBURG via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, PENANG, BELAWAN, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., General Agents, N.D.L. 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 25-3

NALDERA Mar. 29. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender will leave the Customs Jetty at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 1938. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 29-3

SPHINX Mar. 30. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 30-3

AENEAS Apr. 2. MARSEILLES, LONDON, ROTTERDAM and GLASGOW (via HONGKONG and STRAITS).—Butterfield & Swire, Agents. Tel. 82020. 2-4

SHANTUNG Apr. 3. TRIPOLI, ALGIERS, ORAN, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, OSLO and GOTHENBURG.—The Swedish East Asiatic Co. Ltd.'s m.s. Shantung will leave Shanghai on or about April 3, for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. Cargo for U.K. ports accepted on optional Bills of Lading. For freight and passage, please apply to The Ekman Foreign Agencies, Ltd., 170 Kiangse Road, Hamilton House. Tel. 11330. 3-4

ZUIDERKERK Apr. 7. (Loading on Apr. 6.) ADEN, PORT SAID, GENOA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, STERDAM, HAMBURG and BREMEN.—The Holland East Asia Line ss. Zuiderkerk sails from Shanghai on April 7. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., General Agents, Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. 16247 (4 Lines). 7-4

AMERICA

PETER MAERSK Apr. 1. LOS ANGELES and via PANAMA to NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, SAVANNAH and NORFOLK.—For Freight and Passage apply to Melchers & Co., Agents: Maersk Line, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. No. 15566. 1-4

AUSTRALASIA

NANKIN Apr. 2. (From Hongkong) SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via PORTS.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 2-4

Vessels Discharging

AGAMEMNON. From Liverpool arrived on March 22, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on March 31, 1938. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Wednesday, March 28, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 26-3

CYCLOPS. From Gdynia and Continental Ports. Cargo ex this vessel arrived per Glengarry on March 21, and is being discharged at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on March 31, 1938. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Saturday, March 26, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 25-3

GLENGARRY. From London arrived on March 21, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on March 31, 1938. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Saturday, March 26, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Inward Agents. 25-3

Post Office Notices

Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is requested in order to make connection with the below-mentioned closing times.

Date and Destination	Per		Reg.	Ord.
FRIDAY, March 25				
Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. India Suez and Europe	Scharnhorst		9.30	11.30
Hongkong and Canton	Scharnhorst		11.00	11.30
H'lulu U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific	Nagasaki M.		16.00	18.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.		17.30	18.00
Tsingtao and Dairen	Dairen M.		17.30	18.00
Wenchow	M. Francisca	x	17.30	18.00
SATURDAY, March 26.				
Ningpo	Chekiang	x	11.00	11.30
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Marion Moller		12.30	14.00
Chinwangtao	Marion Moller		13.30	14.00
Indo-China(Z) via H'phong	Kiangsu	A	—	—
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Tingsang	x	16.30	18.30
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin	Tingsang	x	18.30	19.00
Wenchow	Elbhof	x	18.30	19.00
Foochow	F. Consolini	x	18.30	19.00
SUNDAY, March 27.				
Amoy Hongkong Canton	Tsinan		16.00	18.15
Swatow Hongkong Yunnan	Kiangsu		18.30	19.00
Swatow Hongkong Canton	Kwaisang		18.30	19.00

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X Provisional time-subject to alterations.
Z Parcel only.

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